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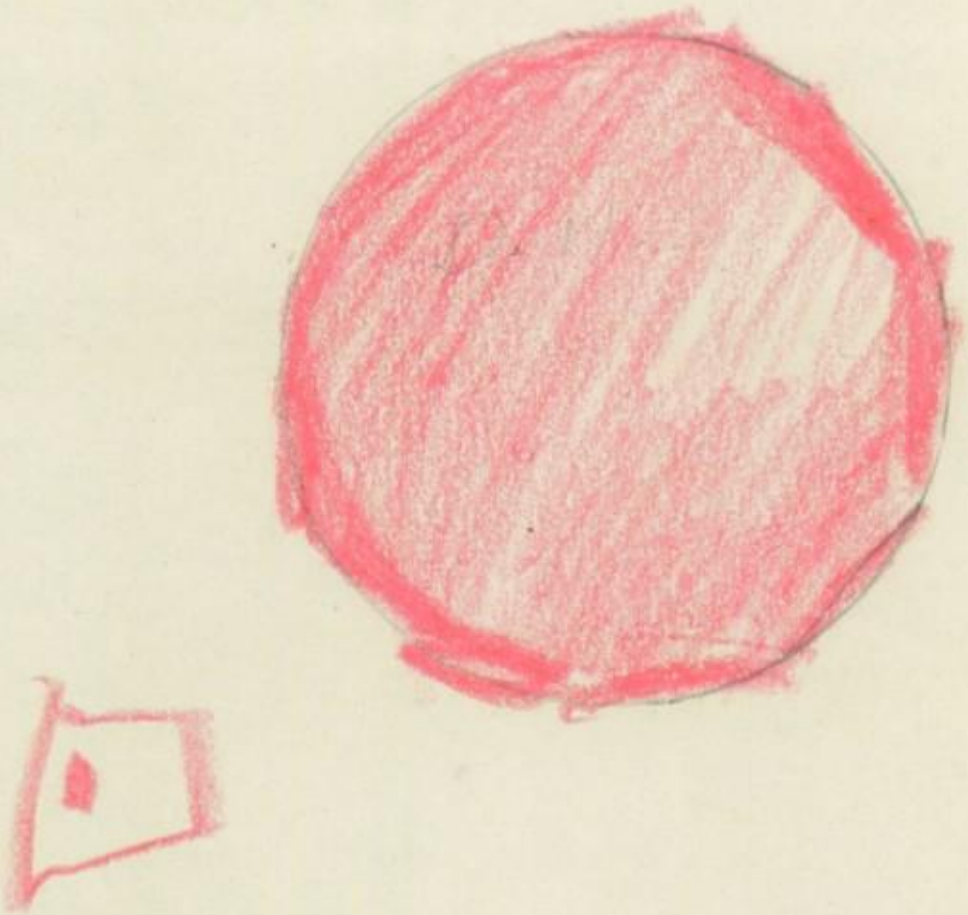

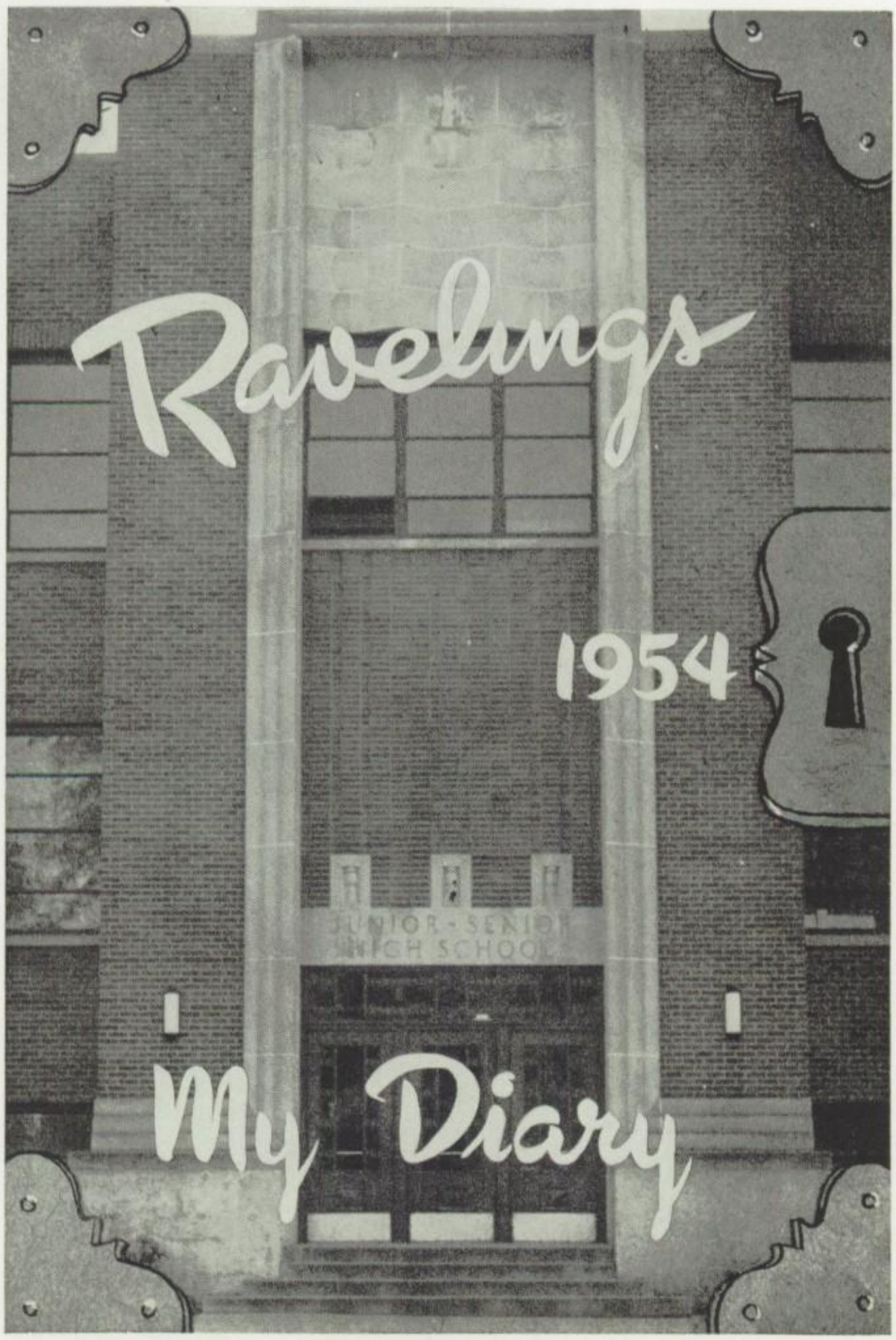

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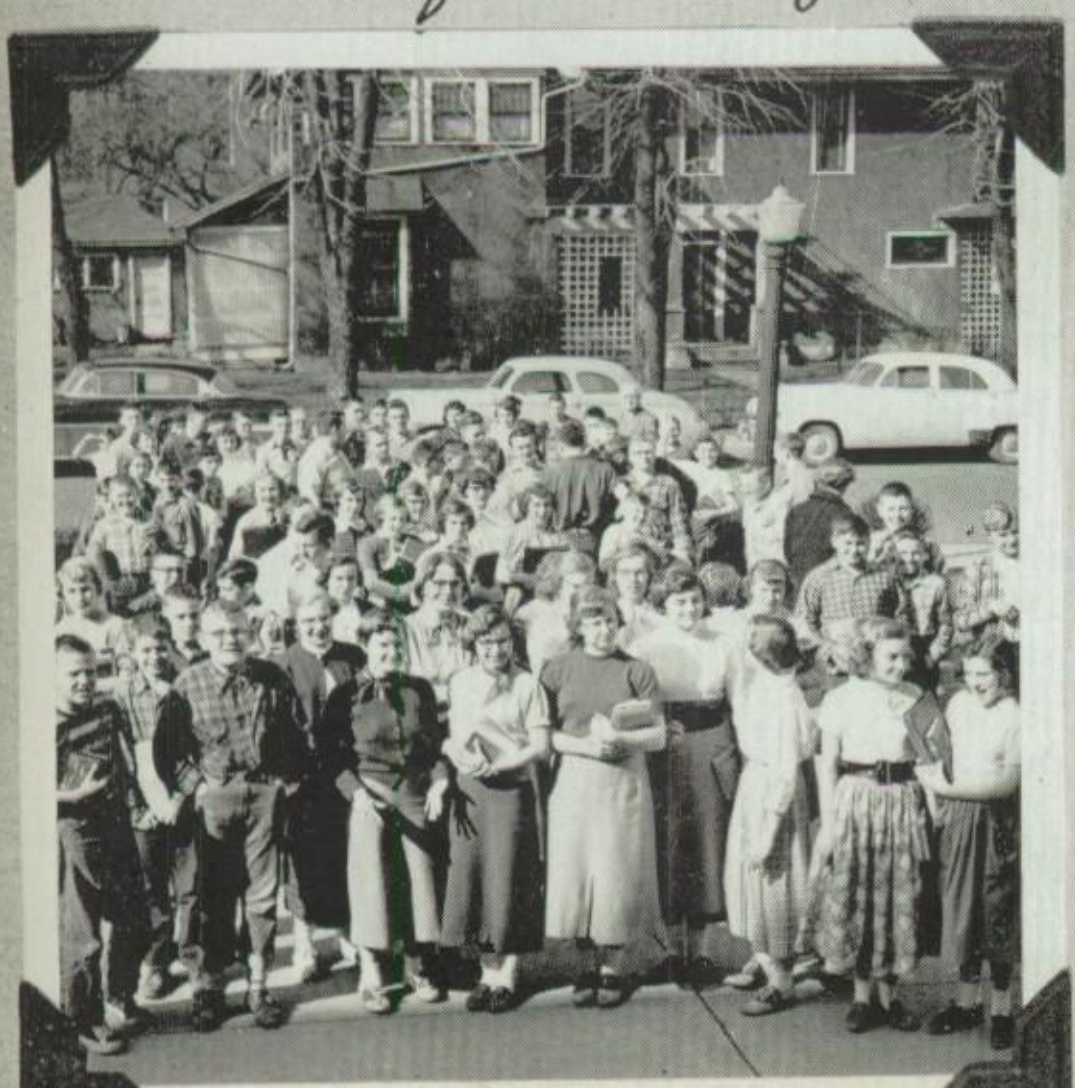
Dear Diary;

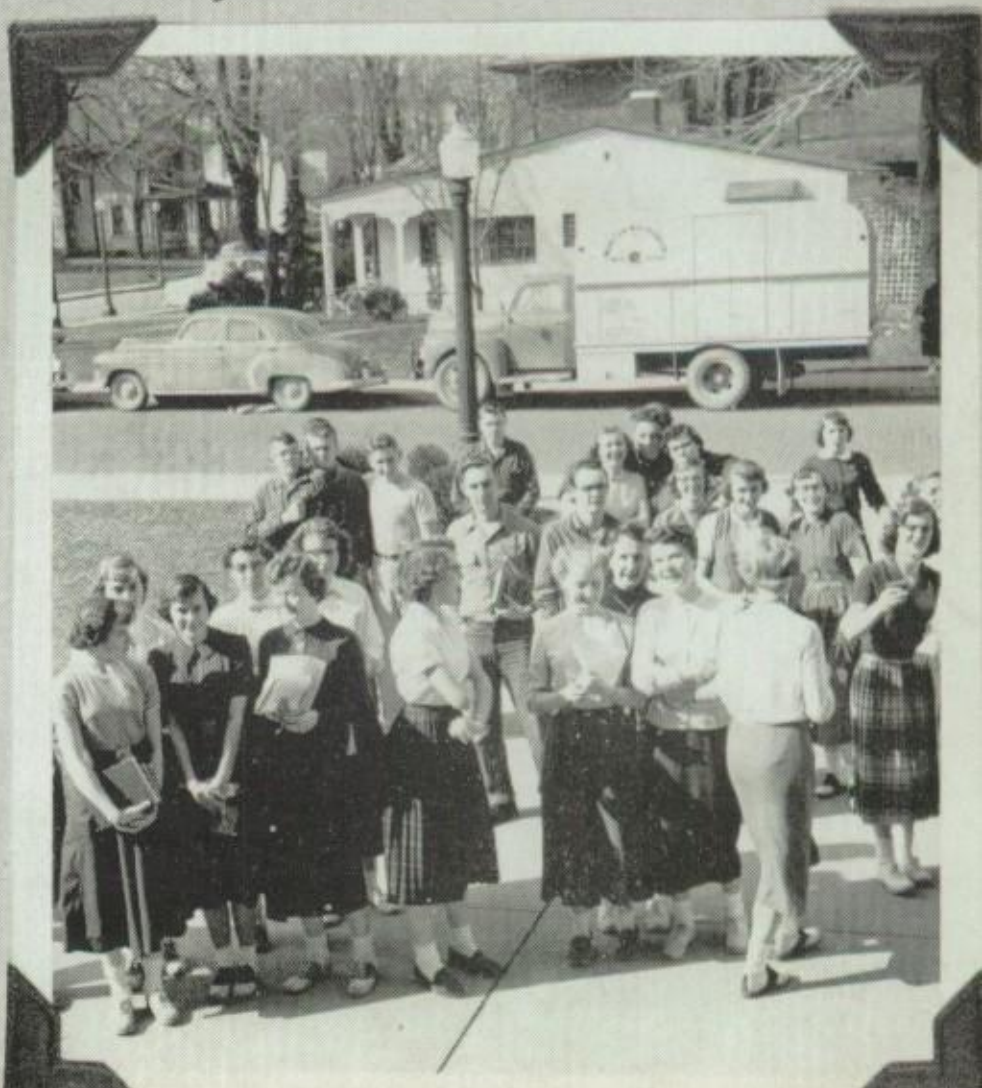
Anxious to keep alive the memories of the school year 1953-54 forever, I take upon myself the task of putting in order, in writing, and in pictures, the outstanding events of the year. I hope that you will not be kept constantly under lock and key, but that you will be opened time and time again to renew the proud, past school days at D. H. S.

Carolyn McDougal

Editor

A fire drill gets us out of doors.





F.H.A. Installation.

After the game —
a dance.

We prepare for the tourney.

School staff dinner

Faculty

Ready to start the days work.

A faculty tea

Our janitors

School staff dinner

Board of Education

(Left to Right); Harry O. Irwin—Sec.; W. Guy Brown—Supt.; George D. Helm—Pres.; Everett G. Hutker—Treas.

Superintendent

W. Guy Brown
Decatur Public Schools

Miss Iverna Werling
Secretary to the Superintendent

Mrs. Vera Doty
Secretary to the Principal

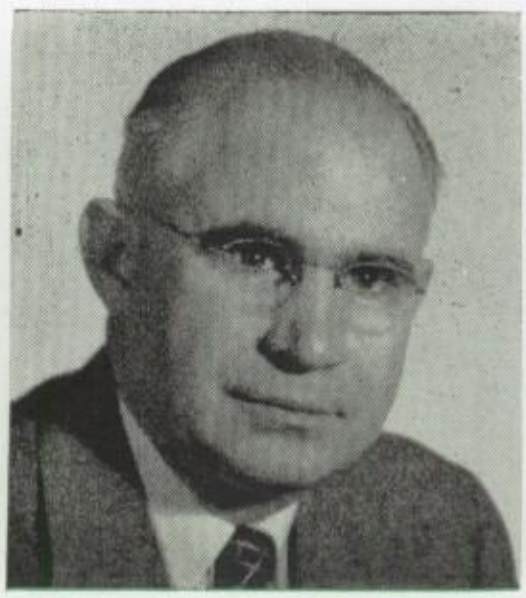
Principal

Hugh J. Andrews
Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School

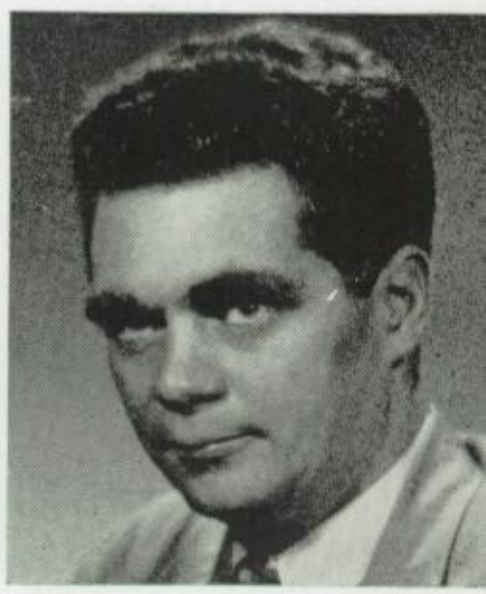
Faculty 1954

Sylvester Everhart

Helen Haubold



Maynard Hetrick



Robert Herman

Eleanor Pumphrey

Clint E. Reed

Lowell J. Smith

Ormajene Steller

Merritt J. Alger

Hugh M. Cobb

Harry Dailey

Deane T. Dorwin

Velma Huser

William Journay

Kathryn Kauffman

Amos Ketchum

Charlotte Vera

Catherine Weidler

Rebecca Walters Worthman

Robert Worthman

Study hall period.

Classes

A busy seventh grade.

Ketchum supervises lathe operation

Cookies for the faculty

The sparks fly in physics.

Tom Adams
Commercial Club 53; Art Club 53.

Norma Agler
Girls Athletics 51, 52, 54; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus 51, 52; F. H. A. 51, 52, 53, 54; Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; Commercial Club 53, 54; Choir 54; Christmas Play 54; Spring Revue 54; Gabfest Staff 54.

Don Aurand
Howling Host 51, 52, 53; Treasurer of Class 54; Intramurals 51, 52, 53, 54; Football 51, 52, 53, 54; Spring Revue 54; Baseball 52, 53, 54; "D" Club 53, 54; Student Council 52, 53; Junior Rotarian 54

Nanna Aurand
F. H. A. 51, 52, 53, 54; Treasurer F. H. A. 51; Spring Revue 54; Pep Champs 52, 53; Commercial Club 53; Color Wheel 54; Choir 54; Christmas Play 54.

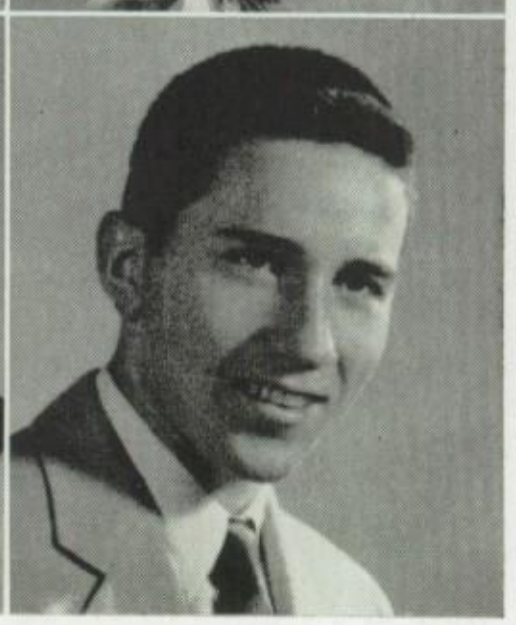
Bob Baker
Howling Host 51, 52, 53; Basketball 51, 52, 53, 54; Football 51, 52, 53, 54; "D" Club 53, 54; Vice Pres. of Classes 52, 54; Junior Rotarian 54; Choir 54; Commercial Club 53; Track 51, 52; Prom Server 52; Student Council 52; Christmas Program 53, 54; Speech Activities 54.

Barbara Black
Color Wheel 53, 54; Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; Commercial Club 53; Choir 54; Girls Athletics 52, 53; Christmas Program 54; F. H. A. 51, 52, 53, 54; Gabfest Staff 54; Ravelings Staff 54; Operetta 54; Canteen 51; Parliamentarian of F. H. A. 54.

Roger Blackburn
Football 51, 52, 53, 54; Track 51, 52, 53, 54; Basketball 51, 52, 53; Junior Rotarian 54; Commercial Club 53; Howling Host 51, 52, 53; "D" Club 53, 54; Choir 54; Spring Revue 54; Christmas Program 54; Intramurals 54; Prom Server 52.

Carol Bowman
Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; F. H. A. 51, 52, 53, 54; Editor of F. H. A. 53, 54; Scholastic Letter 51, 52; Christmas Program 54; Ravelings staff 54; Commercial Club 53, 54; Girls Athletics 51, 52, 53, 54.

Richard Callow
Choir 53; Howling Host 51, 52, 53; Color Wheel 53, 54; Commercial Club 53, 54; Spring Revue 53; Christmas Play 53; Intramural Basketball 51, 52; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus 51, 52.



Tony Custer
Football 52, 53, 54; Basketball 52, 53, 54; Baseball 53, 54; Track 51, 52; "D" Club 53, 54; Vice-Pres. "D" Club 54; Choir 54; Howling Host 51, 52, 53; Commercial Club 53; Spring Revue 53, 54; Junior Rotarian 54; Prom Server 52; Christmas Program 54; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus 51, 52; Junior Town Meeting 54; Speech Activities 54.

Pomona, Calif., 51, 52; Football 53, 54; Junior Class Pres. 53; Student Council 53; Vice Pres. Student Council 53; Howling Host 53; "D" Club 54; Spring Revue 53, 54; Intramural 53, 54; Commercial Club 53; Christmas Program 53, 54; Honor Student 53; Choir 53, 54; Quartet 54.

Ted Douglas

Art Club 53, 54; Intramurals 51, 52, 53, 54.

Verlin Egly

Football 51, 52, 53, 54; Track 53; "D" Club 53, 54; Treasurer "D" Club 54; Howling Host 51, 52, 53; Intramural 51, 52, 53, 54.

Jim Engle

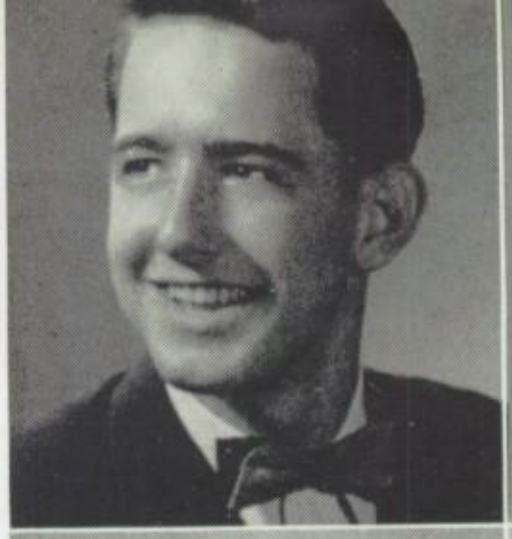
Football 51, 52, 53, 54; Basketball 51, 52, 53, 54; Track 51, 52, 53, 54; "D" Club 52, 53, 54; President Soph. Class 52; Howling Host 51, 52, 53; Commercial Club 53; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus 51; Ravelings Staff 53, 54; Spring Revue 53, 54; Junior Rotarian 54; Christmas Play 53; Student Council 52; Prom Server 52; Speech Activities 54.

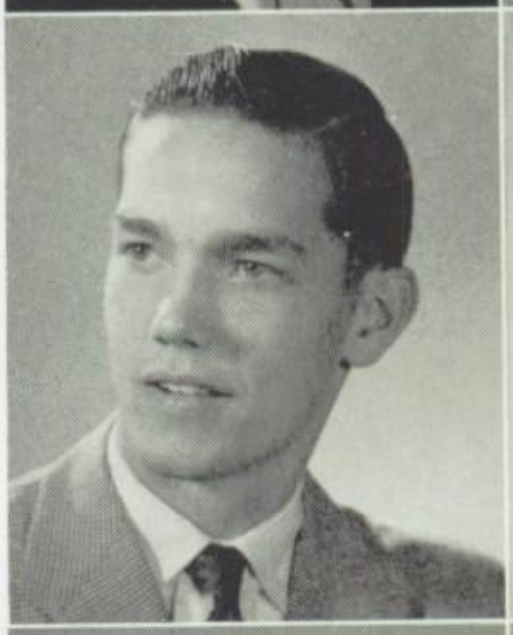
Janet Everhard

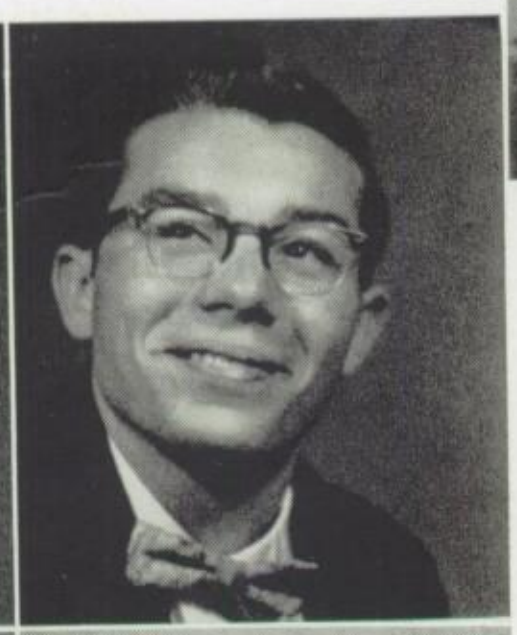
Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus 51; Christmas Program 51, 53, 54; Revue 53, 54; Gabfest Staff 53, 54; Ravelings Staff 54; Choir 54; Color Wheel 53, 54; Commercial Club 53; Girls Athletics 52, 53; Treas. of Soph. Class 52.

Madeline Friend

Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; Gabfest Staff 54; Fresh. Soph. Chorus 52; Commercial Club 53, 54; Vice-President Commercial Club 54; Student Council 54; Choir 54; Secretary of Choir 54; Prom Server 52; Spring Revue 54; Christmas Program 54.







Eugene Fuelling

F. F. A. 51, 52, 53, 54; Vice Pres. F. F. A. 51; Secretary of F. F. A. 52; Treasurer of F. F. A. 54; Commercial Club 53; Judging Team 51, 52, 53, 54.

Dick Gaskill

Color Wheel 53; Cross Country 51, 52, 53; Intramural Basketball 51, 52, 53, 54; Track 51, 52, 53; Commercial Club 53; "D" Club 53, 54; Howling Hosts 51, 52, 53.

Arnold Gerke

Howling Hosts 52, 53; F. F. A. 51, 52, 53, 54; F. F. A. Reporter 52; F. F. A. Sec. 54; Speech Activities 54; Judging Team 51, 52, 53, 54; F. F. A. District Speech Contest 54.

Willa Mae Goelz

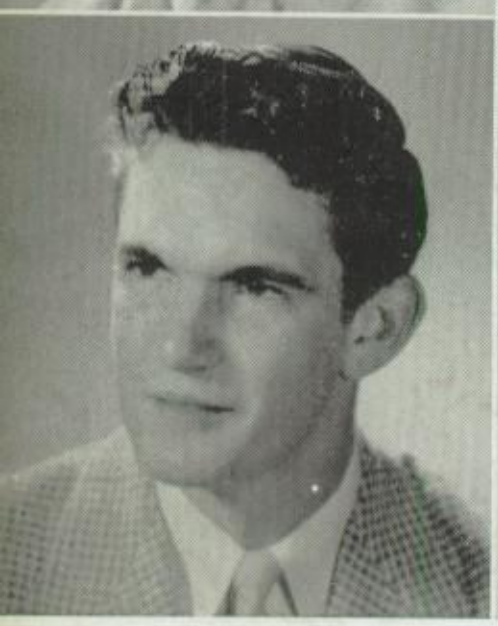
Fresh.-Soph. Chorus 51; Commercial Club 53, 54; Choir 53, 54; Treas. of Choir 54; Commercial Club Pres. 54; Girls Athletics 51, 52, 53, 54; Raveling Staff 54; Spring Revue 53, 54; Christmas Program 53, 54; Editor Gabfest 54; Pep Champs 51, 52, 53.

Marvin Grote
Commercial Club 53; F. F. A. 51, 52, 53, 54; Reporter of F. F. A. 53; Howling Hosts 51, 52, 53; Crop Judging Team 51, 52, 53, 54.

Jim Hakes
Art Club 52, 53; Commercial Club 53.

Janet Hetrick
Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; Secy. of Pep Champs 52; Vice Pres. of Pep Champs 53; Commercial Club 53, 54; Treas. of Commercial Club 54; Choir 53, 54; Girls Athletics 51, 52, 53, 54; Student Council 53; Sec. of Student Council 53; Band 51, 52, 53; Student Band Director 53; Yell Leader 54; Spring Revue 53, 54; Christmas Program 53, 54; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus 51; Gabfest 54; Orchestra 52, 53; American Legion Oratorical Contest 54; Prom Server 52; Raveling Staff 54; Speech Activities 54.

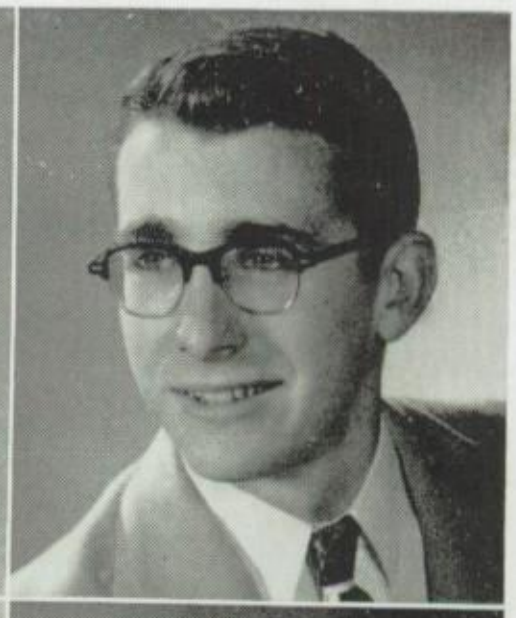
Janet Hott
Band 51, 52, 53; Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus 51, 52; Class Secretary 52; Prom Server 52; Orchestra 52, 53; Choir 53, 54; Commercial Club 53, 54; Christmas Program 53, 54; Spring Revue 53, 54; Student Council 53; Gabfest Staff 54.



Thomas Hurst

Larry Hutker
"D" Club 52, 53, 54; Choir 54; Football 52, 53, 54; Student Manager 54; Junior Rotarian 54; Howling Host 51, 52, 53; Commercial Club 53; Spring Revue 54; Basketball 51, 53; Track 51, 52, 53; Prom Server 52; Christmas Program 54; Speech Activities 54.

Joan Johnson
Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus 51; Choir 54; Christmas Program 54; Spring Revue 54; Ravelings Staff 54; Gabfest Staff 54; Commercial Club 53, 54.



Neil Keller
Track 52, 53, 54; Football 54; Ravelings Staff 53, 54; "D" Club 53, 54; Howling Hosts 51, 52, 53; Cross Country 52, 53; Intramural Volleyball 54; Intramural Basketball 51, 52, 53, 54.

Lloyd Kelsey
Commercial Club 53; Art Club 53, 54.

Marilyn Kirchenbauer
Student Council 54; Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; Commercial Club 53, 54; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus 51, 52; Choir 53, 54; Girls Athletics 51, 52, 53, 54; Student Council Pres. 54; Band 51, 52, 53; Yell Leader 54; Spring Revue 53, 54; Christmas Program 53, 54; Ravelings Staff 53, 54; Orchestra 52, 53; Prom Server 52; Gabfest Staff 54; Class President 54.

Scholastic Letter 51, 52, 53, 54; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus 51; Choir 53, 54; Band 51, 52, 53; Asst. Band Director 53; Orchestra 52, 53; Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; Girls Athletics 51, 52, 53; Prom Server 52; Spring Revue 53, 54; Christmas Program 51, 53; Ravelings Staff 53; Gabfest Staff 53, 54; Commercial Club 53, 54; Color Wheel Club 54; Ink Spots Staff 54.

Philip Krick

Basketball 52, 53, 54; Football 52, 53, 54; Track 52, 53, 54; Choir 54; Revue 54; Howling Host 51, 52, 53; Commercial Club 53; "D" Club 52, 53, 54; Christmas Program 54; Prom Server 52.

Charna Lake

Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus 51; Choir 53; 54; Commercial Club 53, 54; Spring Revue 53, 54; Christmas Program 53, 54; Gabfest Staff 54.

Don Lehman

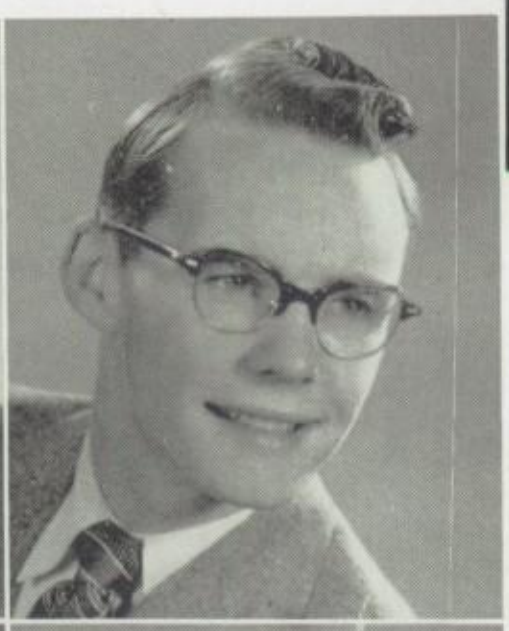
Cross Country 51, 52; Track 51, 52; Howling Hosts 51, 52, 53; "D" Club 52, 53, 54; Intramurals 51, 52, 53, 54.

Carolyn McDougal

Commercial Club 53, 54; Band 51, 52, 53; Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus 51; Choir 53, 54; Girls Athletics 52, 54; Ravelings Staff 53, 54; Christmas Program 53, 54; Yell Leader 54; Spring Revue 53, 54; Freshman Class Secretary 51; Senior Class Sec. 54; Prom Server 52; Orchestra 52, 53; American Legion Oratorical Contest 54; Gabfest 54; Speech Activities 54.

Carolie Nelson

Gabfest Staff 54; Junior Town Meeting Speaker 54; American Legion Oratorical Contest 54; Speech Activities 54; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus 51; Choir 54; Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; Commercial Club 53; Color Wheel 53, 54; Girls Athletics 51, 52, 53, 54; Ravelings Staff 53, 54; Spring Revue 53, 54; Christmas Program 53, 54.



Roger Pollock

Class President 52; Howling Hosts 51, 52, 53; "D" Club 52, 53, 54; "D" Club President 54; Basketball 51, 52, 53, 54; Football 51, 52, 53, 54; Co-Captain of Football 54; Baseball 52, 53, 54; Class Secretary 53; Commercial Club 53; Christmas Program 53, 54; Prom Server 52; Speech Activities 54; Spring Revue 53, 54.

Dick Rambo

Commercial Club 53; Art Club 53, 54; Intramurals 51, 52; Baseball 53.

Nora Ray

Color Wheel Club 54; F. H. A. 51, 52, 53, 54; Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; Cheerleader 52; Sec. of F. H. A. 52; Commercial Club 53; Vice-President of F. H. A. 53; Canteen 53; Pres. of F. H. A. 54; Vice-Pres. of Color Wheel 54; Choir 54; Christmas Program 54; Revue 54.

Marcella Roth

F. H. A. 51, 52, 53, 54; Parliamentarian F. H. A. 52; Girls Athletics 51, 52, 53, 54; Volleyball 51; Commercial Club 53, 54; Secretary Commercial Club 54; Christmas Program 54; Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; Prom Server 52.

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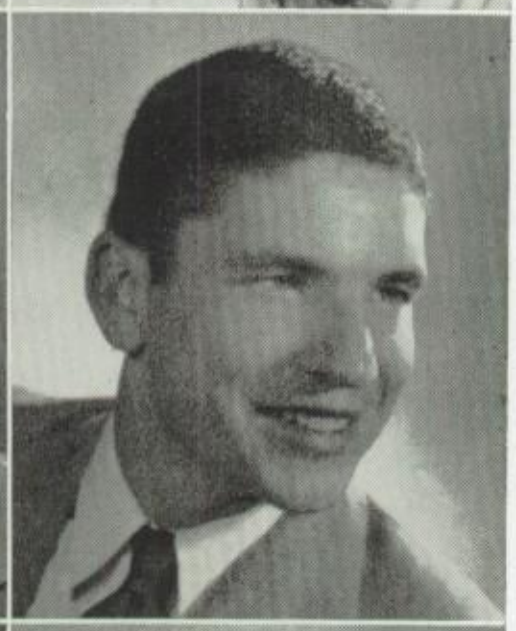
Carol Seitz

Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; Girls Athletics 51, 52, 53, 54; F. H. A. 51, 52, 53; Choir 53, 54; Commercial Club 53, 54; Pres. of Choir 54; Christmas Program 53, 54; Revue 53, 54; American Legion Oratorical Contest 54; Gabfest 53, 54; Speech Activities 54.



Don Shaffer

Basketball 51, 52, 53; Football 51, 52, 53, 54; "D" Club 53, 54; Howling Host 51, 52, 53; Intramural Basketball 54; Track 51, 52; Commercial Club 53.

Gary Simons

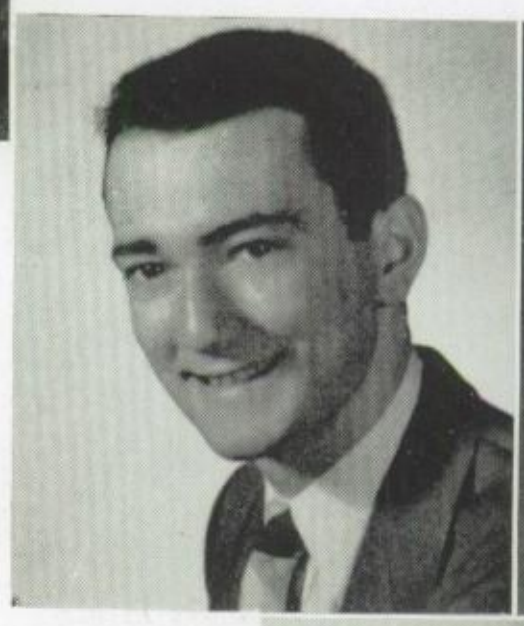
Football 51, 52, 54; Basketball 51, 52; Track 51; Baseball 52, 54; "D" Club 53, 54; Treas. of Jr. Class 53; Commercial Club 53; Christmas Play 54; Howling Host 51, 52, 53; Intramural 53, 54; Prom Server 52; Student Manager Football 53; Intramural Volleyball 54; Gabfest 53.

Janet Smith

Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; Fresh-Soph. 51; Commercial Club 53, 54; Gabfest Staff 54; Raveling Staff 54; Band 51, 52, 53; Orchestra 52, 53; Christmas Program 53, 54; Spring Revue 53, 54; Treasurer of Class 51; Server of Prom 52; Girls Athletics 53, 54; Choir 53, 54; Scholastic "D" 51, 52, 53, 54; Inkspots Staff 54.

Marlene Snyder

Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; Commercial Club 53, 54; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus 51, 52; Choir 53, 54; Gabfest Staff 53, 54; Christmas Program 53, 54; Spring Revue 53, 54; American Legion Oratorical Contest 54; Speech Activities 54.



Larry Vizard

Baseball 51, 52, 53, 54; Basketball 52, 53; Football 52, 53, 54; "D" Club 53, 54; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus 51; Commercial Club 53; Howling Hosts 51, 52, 53; Spring Revue 54; Choir 54; Christmas Program 53, 54; Junior Rotarian 54; Class Vice-Pres. 53; F. F. A. 54; Student Council 53, 54; Intramurals 51, 52, 53, 54; Speech Activities 54.

Delight Wagner

F. H. A. 51, 52, 53, 54; Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; Canteen 51; Girls Athletics 53; Commercial Club 53; Christmas Program 53, 54; Revue 53, 54; Choir 53, 54; Color Wheel 54; Historian for F. H. A. 54.

Bonnie Welker

Vice-Pres. 51; Pep Champs 51, 52, 53; F. H. A. 51, 52, 53; Song Leader F. H. A. 53, 54; Cheerleader 52; Commercial Club 53; Color Wheel Club 54; Pres. Color Wheel 54; Christmas Play 54; Spring Revue 54.

Senior Officers

Left to right:
Vice-President—Bob Baker
President—Marilyn Kirchenbauer
Secretary—Carolyn McDougal
Treasurer—Don Aurand

Senior Class

Sept. 7. Dear Diary, today 49 of us entered the ever familiar doors of the Decatur High School to begin our final year of high school education. We organized our schedules and planned for the Friday night football dance.

Oct. 2. Dear Diary, we had our first class meeting this afternoon. We elected officers and a class psonsor.

Sponsor—Miss Vera
President—Marilyn Kirchenbauer
Vice-president—Bob Baker
Secretary—Carolyn McDougal
Treasurer—Don Aurand

Nov. 20. Dear Diary, we've set a record! During this whole month we've worked hard on the Student Day Sale, and today we had a report that 129 merchants are participating. This is the highest ever.

Dec. 24. Dear Diary, today was the last day of school preceding our Christmas vacation. We sang carols and made arrangements for transportation to Alexandria for the holiday tourney.

Jan. 10. Dear Diary, our class is planning some visits to the Courthouse in order to become more familiar with the county offices. We were invited to the Courthouse today to see a naturalization ceremony.

Feb. 6. Dear Diary, today our class voted on invitations. We chose a very neat one with an etching of the school on it.

March 19. Dear Diary, tonight the senior girls won the girls basketball tourney. After the game we had revue practice.

April 2. Dear Diary, we gave the final performance of our spring revue last night. We had reports that "Steppin' Out" was the best revue ever given.

May 14. Dear Diary, tonight we attended "The Prom." We were all greatly surprised by the clever decorations. Tonight is a night we shall never forget.

May 23. Dear Diary, tonight we were honored at Baccalaureate Services.

May 27. Dear Diary, this is it! Tonight we are going to graduate from Decatur High School. We are all very proud to say that we were members of the D.H.S. student body.

M. K.

Junior Officers

Ronnie Robinson—Secretary
Sara Gerber—Treasurer
Stanley Allison—President

Left to Right; 1st row: Sheila Ahr, Stanley Allison, Tom Aurand, Jerry Bair.

2nd row: Phil Baker, Bill Baumann, Marilyn Braun, Eugene Butcher.

3rd row: Pat Byrd, Art Callow, Joan Clark, Roger Cookson.

4th row: Dana Dalzell, Roger Daniels, Marilyn Davidson, Beverly Douglas.

5th row: Don Drake, Don Duff, June Edwards, Doyle Egly.

6th row: Roger Eichenauer, Roger Eley, David Embler, Greta Erekson.

7th row: Joyce Franklin, Shirley Garner, Sara Gerber, Gerald Grote.

8th row: Jeanette Hahnert, Janice Hall, Dave Halterman, John Hammond

9th row: Bill Hancher, Gwen Hilyard, Max Hilyard, Dwight Hoffman.

Junior Class

Sept. 8. Dear Diary, can you believe it?—We're actually juniors! Now we're in! Things are almost the same at school this year. We have a few new teachers.

Nov. 1. Dear Diary, we elected officers today. I'm sure they'll do a fine job. Our president decided at the end of the first semester that he would try his luck at something else, so our capable vice-president took over his duties.

Nov. 20. Dear Diary, we're very well represented on the football and basketball teams. We haven't been winning many games, but you wait, dear Diary, we'll go! Oh! I almost forgot to tell you —we're going to sponsor the first dance of the basketball season.

Dec. 24. Dear Diary, today, while Miss Haubold played the organ, we all sang Christmas carols. You know, dear Diary, I think that is one of the nicest traditions we have here at D.H.S. After we finished singing, Mr. Andrews wished us all a Merry Christmas and we were off!

Feb. 2. Dear Diary, you know, the highlight of the second semester is the Prom. We have some real good ideas. I'm sure that with all the kids helping, plus Miss Weidler and Miss Kauffman, we'll have the best Prom ever!

Feb. 11. Dear Diary, another big event is the spring revue. This year the name of it is "Steppin' Out." We're working very hard at it. I wish you could see it, dear Diary; I'm sure you'd like it.

And so, dear Diary, until next year—goodby.

S. A.

1st row: Jim Holt, Kay Johnson, Charles Judt, Jerry Keller.

2nd row: Carl Lehrman, Brenda Levy, Colleen Lobsiger, Barbara McBride.

3rd row: Fred McDougal, Dick Marbach, Belva Miller, Arlene Myers.

4th row: Ervin Myers, John Neireiter, Bob Ochsenrider, Jackie Reidenbach.

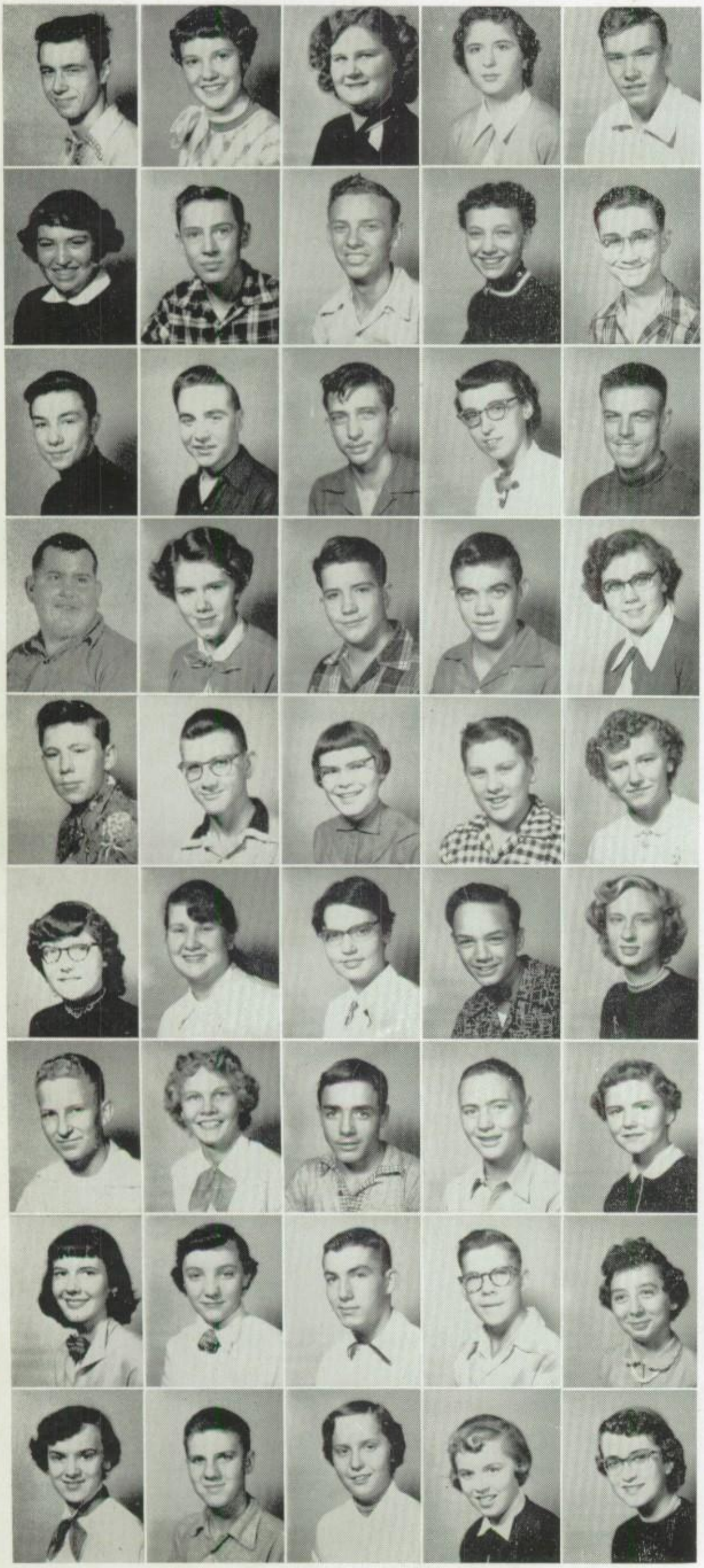
5th row: Jane Rentz, Jerry Rhodes, Ronnie Robinson, Paul Rolston.

6th row: David Runyon, Dorcas Sautbine, Harlen Shaffer, Perry Sheets.

7th row: Anita Smith, Earl Sprague, Bob Sprague, Connie Strickler.

8th row: David Uhrick, Harold Vanhorn, Ronnie Vetter, Ada Wass.

9th row: Ruth Weigmann, Carol Roop, Dan Shackley.



Sophomore Officers

Left to right:
Secretary—Carolyn Aumann
President—Dan Krueckeberg
Treasurer—Judy Keller
Vice-President—Danny Cowens

Left to right; 1st row: Jimmie Anderson, Carolyn Aumann, Sharon Baker, Nancy Baumgartner, Mike Berry.

2nd row: Myra Black, Alan Bogner, Jim Bowman, Leah Brandyberry, Don Brewer.

3rd row: Ronald Brown, Wayne Brunner, Jim Butcher, Joyce Callow, Kenneth Chrisman.

4th row: Roger Clark, Nancy Cole, Jon Corey, Lannie Cornish, Janet Courtney.

5th row: Danny Cowans, Phil DeBolt, Marlene Dellinger, David Ellsworth, Gladys Ewell.

6th row: Marilyn Foor, Sara Frank, Judy Franz, Arlen Fuelling, Ruth Girod.

7th row: Tom Grimm, Mildred Grote, Roger Hawkins, Harry Hebble, Barbara Heller.

8th row: Deanne Johnson, Judy Keller, Bob Keller, Dick Kiser, Betty Knavel.

9th row: Sharon Kreischer, Dan Krueckeberg, Janet Lane, Luanne Lehman, Judy Locke.

Sophomore Class

Sept. 2. Dear Diary, 83 studious new sophomores trudged up the steps of D.H.S. to begin a new year.

Sept. 29. Dear Diary, since no class can function without officers, we elected Dan Krueckeberg, president; Dan Cowans, vice-president; Carolyn Aumann, secretary; Judy Keller, treasurer; and our new bookkeeping teacher, Mr. Cobb, as sponsor.

Oct. 6. Dear Diary, the student council is in operation again this year and Phil DeBolt, Marlene Thieme, and Dan Krueckeberg are our delegates.

Oct. 12. Dear Diary, tonight we sponsored a dance called the "Varsity Drag."

Nov. 12. Dear Diary, the school elected three sophomores as cheerleaders for the second team. They are Judy Locke, Luanne Lehman, and Judy Keller.

Jan. 4. Dear Diary, Marlene Thieme, Shirley Wass, Mildred Grote, Jeanenne Schultz, and Marlene Dellinger had parts in the Christmas program.

Jan. 30. Dear Diary, "The Snowman Scurry" was the name of our second dance which we sponsored tonight.

May 15. Dear Diary, eight boys and eight girls had a very enjoyable time serving at the Prom.

May 28. Dear Diary, during the 1953-54 school year the sophomore class averaged 11 students on the honor roll each six weeks.

D. K.

1st row: Georgeanna McBride, LeRoy Martin, Sondra May, Sylvia Mazelin, Don Moser.

2nd row: Terry Murphy, Don Myers, Jim Osterloh, Beverly Poling, Linda Pollock.

3rd row: Tom Rambo, Dick Raver, Bob Rawley, Mary Rentz, Sundra Reppert.

4th row: Jean Roth, Helen Roth, Bill Roth, Jeannine Schultz, Jim Sheets.

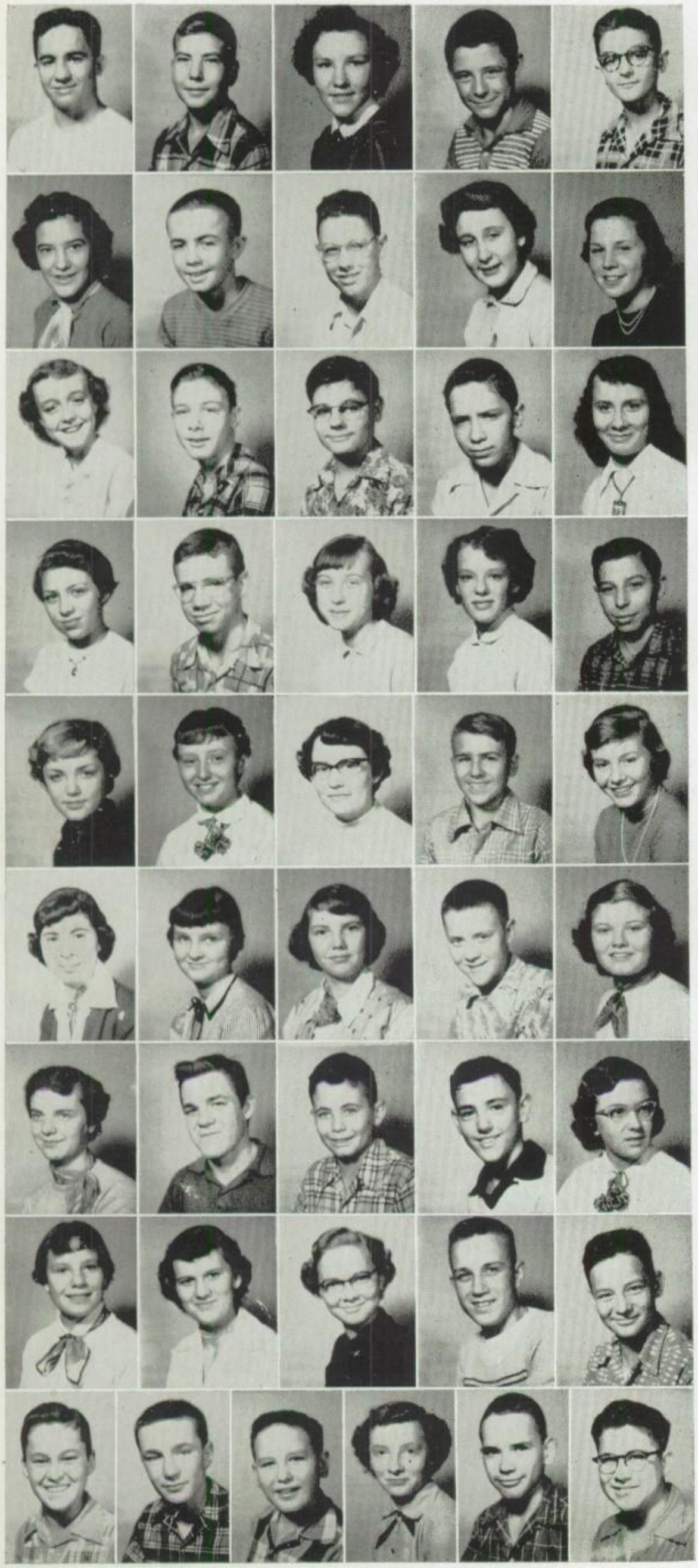
5th row: Dan Simmerman, Lorna Smith, Mary Jane Smith, Harold Sommer, Rosemary Strahm.

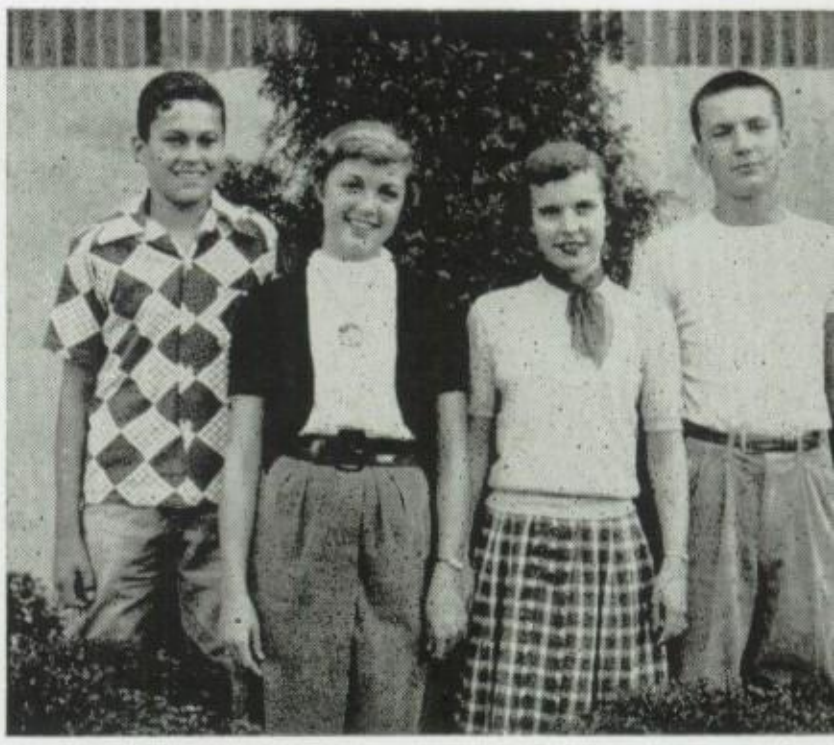
6th row: Roger Strickler, Mara Dee Striker, Joyce Sudduth, Don Swygart, Marlene Thieme

7th row: Ralph Thomas, Ruth Townsend, Donna Venis, Vera Walters, Shirley Wass.

8th row: Walter Werst, Virgil Wolfe, David Wood, Larry Worden, Bill Zwick.

9th row: Leland Smith, Rex Werst.





Freshman Officers

Left to right:
President—Stanley Kirkpatrick
Secretary—Betsy Embler
Vice President—Virginia Vetter
Treasurer—Tony Kelly

Left to right; 1st row: Dewayne Agler, Stanley Alger, Karen Allison, Jack Aurand, Jack Barlett.

2nd row: Carolyn Bassett, Gene Baxter, Edwin Bean, Helen Bollinger, Sara Brunnegraff.

3rd row: Phyllis Byrd, John Cole, Peter Dalzell, Max Daniels, Sharon DeBolt.

4th row: Judy Dedolph, John Dorwin, Connie Douglas, Sherian Drake, Bob Durbin.

5th row: Betsy Embler, Elaine Evans, Gloria Fugate, Ronnie Garner, Linda Gamsby.

6th row: Mary Lou Gaunt, Judy Gephart, Kay Goelz, Jay Gould, Sharon Gray.

7th row: Vivian Hamilton, Kenneth Hawkins, Ronnie Hesher, Jim Hullinger, Sharon Idlewine.

8th row: Helen Irwin, Joyce Irwin, Marilyn Jefferies, Bob Johnson, Jerry Kaehr.

9th row: Stanley Kirkpatrick, Tony Kelly, Jim Klenk, Alice Krueckeberg, Jack Ladd, Dennis Lobsiger.

Freshman Class

Sept. 8. Dear Diary, I am sure the year 1953-54 will bring about many exciting adventures to us of the freshman class.

Sept. 22. Dear Diary, today we started by electing the following class officers: Stanley Kirkpatrick, president; Virginia Vetter, vice-president; Tony Kelly, treasurer, and Betsy Embler, secretary. Oh yes, we must not forget our patient and faithful sponsor, Mr. Smith. We also elected the following Student Council representatives: Jay Gould, Virginia Miller, and Stanley Kirkpatrick.

Oct. 28. Dear Diary, a few of the freshman boys were awarded football letters.

Nov. 11. Dear Diary, we shall never forget our freshman initiation. A group of the girls were scrubbing the sidewalks with toothbrushes, while the boys were faithfully shining shoes.

Dec. 20. Dear Diary, for the first time in history the Freshman Chorus was privileged to sing in the Christmas program.

March 3. Dear Diary, we have a large number of freshmen on the Honor Roll, and some of the students taking Latin received certificates and pins for making perfect scores on tests.

Good Bye, dear Diary, until next year.

S. K.

1st row: Charles Luhman, Janet McKean, Twannette Magley, Sharon Marbach, Sharon Michaud.

2nd row: Virginia Miller, Clifford Norman, David Ocampo, Rosita Osborne, Beverly Patrick.

3rd row: Don Peterson, Sue Petrie, Jim Plasterer, Chalmer Reinking, Sandra Reynolds.

4th row: Jerry Rumple, Rita Runyon, Madge Scheiderer, Paul Schmidt, Fred Schott.

5th row: Ted Schrock, Kathryn Shaffer, Charles Shaffer, Beverly Singer, Donna Small.

6th row: Larry Smith, Bill Smith, Tom Smith, Glen Strickler, Larry Strickler.

7th row: Barbara Suttles, Lafe Swygart, Lulubell Swygart, LaVerne Thieme, Dale Troutner.

8th row: Jane Uhrick, Kenneth Vanhorn, Kent Varner, Virginia Vetter, Lorraine Walters.

9th row: Ellen Welch, Bob Wenger, Carolyn Weigmann, Patsy McAnelly, Vera Roop, Dean Vanover.

Eighth Grade Officers

Left to right:
Secretary—Kathy Cole
Vice President—Fred Locke
President Susan Gerber
Treasurer—Janalee Smith

1st row: Phil Adams, David Andrews, Jerry Bailer, Ralph Bailer, Raymond Ballard.

2nd row: Bob Banks, Agnes Barlett, Norman Bassett, Dick Baumann, Jim Baumgartner.

3rd row: Gordon Black, Donald Blankenbaker, Barbara Brunnegraff, David Butcher, Rosa Canales.

4th row: Judy Carpenter, Dick Carpenter, Claudia Caston, Kathy Cole, Rosie Conrad.

5th row: Gerald Cornish, Susan Custer, Kay Debolt, Wilbur Dersch, Nancy Doyle.

6th row: David Eichenauer, Jerry Fell, Nancy Fisher, Peter Fisher, Carolyn Frauhiger.

7th row: Dianne Fulton, Nancy Gaskill, Susan Gerber, Jane Grimm, John Hahn.

8th row: Scott Halterman, Melvin Hanni, John Hebble, Susan Heller, Ted Hutker.

9th row: Karen Jefferies, Dan Johnson, Jo-Ann Jones, Barney Kaehr, Barbara Kalver, Donna Kinerk.

1st row: Carol Kiser, Phyllis Kiser, Judith Lane, Gretchen Lankenau, Dick Leming.

2nd row: Alice Levy, Fred Locke, Jack Macklin, Clarence May, Phil McDonald.

3rd row: Judy Melchi, Donna Miller, Nina Milton, Larry Moses, Wayne Myers.

4th row: Pat Nelson, Linda Norris, Raymond Ocampo, Phillip Rambo, Glen Rekewey.

5th row: Lanny Ross, Ramona Rousseau, Martha Sell, Gary Sheets, John Sheets.

6th row: Dick Simmerman, Janalee Smith, Joyce Smith, Judy Smith, Steven Smith.

7th row: Joyce Smitley, LaVerne Stahl, Tom Strickler, Jane Stiverson, Don Sudduth.

8th row: Jewel Sudduth, Emily Swearingen, Ann Uhrick, Charles Uhrick, Marilou Uhrick, Kaye Carner.

9th row: Mike Wittwer, Beatrice Wolfe, Chalmer Wolfe, Marjorie Wolfe, Alice McAnelly, Virginia Castle.

Eighth Grade

Sept. 5. Dear Diary, today found 95 eighth graders starting their second year at D.H.S. full of pep and eagerness to have more good time with their teachers and fellow classmates.

Oct. 17. Dear Diary, we elected our class officers this month. They were Susan Gerber, president; Fred Locke, vice-president; Kathy Cole, secretary; and Janalee Smith, treasurer. We elected Mr. Daily our class sponsor.

Jan. 21. Dear Diary, we are very proud of our Jr. High basketball team. Nine of the boys on the team are eighth graders. They are Ty Ballard, Bob Banks, Jim Baumgartner, David Eichenauer, Ted Hutker, Fred Locke, Larry Moses, Wayne Myers, and Tom Strickler.

Jan. 24. Dear Diary, two of the four junior high yell-leaders, were eighth graders. They were Susie Custer and Emily Swearingen.

Feb. 7. Dear Diary, this month, as usual, there are many eighth grade names on the honor roll.

March 20. Dear Diary, Susan Heller, Fred Locke, and the class president, represent the eighth grade in the Student Council.

May 21. Dear Diary, we had our class party tonight. We had a lot of fun dancing, playing cards, and eating.

Good Bye Diary,
S. G.

Seventh Grade Officers

Left to right:
Vice President—Jim Corah
Secretary—Cheryl Ashbaucher
President—Betsy Burk
Treasurer—Bob Shraluka

1st row: Ted Anderson, Larry Andrews, Cheryl Ashbaucher, Jerry Bauman, Ned Baumgartner.

2nd row: Connie Baxter Jane Bedwell, Mike Beery, Jim Bleeke, Bill Bracy.

3rd Row: Betsy Burk, Jim Burk, Jackie Burk, Larry Butler, Vernon Call.

4th row: Richard Canales, Ivan Chrisman, Nick Conrad, Jim Corah, Karen Corey.

5th row: Billy Courtney, Gayle Custer, Larry Daniels, Dick Dellinger, Anna Dyer.

6th row: Stephen Edwards, Sara Eichenauer, Scarlett Feasel, John Fell, Ronnie Feller.

7th row: Jon Foor, Pat Franklin, Larry Fravel, Rita Gantz, Patty Girod.

8th row: Jerry Hart, Bob Hart, Nancy Hawkins, Elaine Heare, Harold Hirschey, Terry Holtsberry.

9th row: Judy Hott, Patsy Hullinger, Linda Jackson, Bill Jacobs, Darlene Kaehr, Ann Kocher.

Seventh Grade

Sept 8. Dear Diary, today we seventh graders, proud and full of anticipation, made our first appearance in the halls of D.H.S. with our journey on the long path of education well begun. Ninety-four eager students were now ready to tackle new teachers and new subjects.

Sept. 26. Dear Diary, after a lot of friendly competition we elected the following officers: Betsy Burk, president; Jim Corah, vice-president: Cheryl Ashbaucher, secretary; and Bob Shraluka, treasurer.

Oct. 3. Dear Diary, the Student Council has three seventh graders as members: Patty Girod, Ann Kocher, and the class president.

Oct. 16. Dear Diary, the report cards are out, and we are happy to announce that eighteen seventh graders made the honor roll.

Nov. 15. Dear Diary, we have six boys that made the Junior High basketball team—Bob Shraluka, Bill Bracy, Leroy Ratcliff, Steve Dellinger, Tony Vegara, and Gene Krick. Two of the yell-leaders—Betty Smith and Patty Girod—are from the seventh grade.

May 27. Dear Diary, we have had a lot of fun during our seventh grade year. We hope that next year we can continue our fun and education.

Good bye Diary,
B. B.

1st row: Carol Koenig, Janice Kreischer, Gene Krick, John Krueckeberg, Naomi Ladd.

2nd row: Donald Long, Kathryn Lough, Steven Lytle, Jaralee Magsamen, Ronnie Martz.

3rd row: John Paul McAhren, Ann McDonald, Jim McDonald, Gary Millington, Tim Murphy.

4th row: David Myers, Helen Osborn, Ralph Osborne, Ronald Osborne, Patty Osterloh.

5th row: Leroy Ratliff, Judy Rhodes, Larry Ritter, Gary Robinson, Karen Robinson.

6th row: Jerry Scheiman, Phyllis Schmidt, Linda Schott, Kathleen Schultz, Patsy Shaffer.

7th row: Roy Sharp, Carl Shaw, John Sheets, Naomi Sheets, Sharon Sheets.

8th row: Bob Shraluka, Deanna Small, Betty Smith, Lynn Smith, Larry Springer, Brenda Sommer.

9th row: Judy Stauffer, Carolyn Taylor, David Vanhorn, Tony Vergara, Gloria Wall, David Croft.

F.F.A. judging team.

The press rolls for the gal fea

Organizations

In the photo lab.

F.H.A. formal meeting.

Student directors of the band.

Rehearsal time.

Admission to the dance.

Admiring art productions.

The Ravelings Staff

Bottom Row; Left to Right: Marilyn Kirchenbauer, Girls' Sports; Neil Keller Boys' Sports; Carol Bowman, Photography; Carolyn McDougal, Editor; Jim Engle, Business Manager; Carolie Nelson, Snapshots; Janet Everhart, Art.

Standing; Left to Right: Janet Smith, Copy Editor; Barbara Black, Ass't. Girls' Sports; Roger Eley, Ass't. Boys' Sports; Dana Dalzell, Ass't. Photography; Ronnie Robinson, Ass't. Editor; Greta Erekson, Ass't. Business Manager; Anita Smith, Ass't. Snapshot; Willa Mae Goelz, Copy Editor; Janet Hetrick, Copy Editor; (Jean Johnson, Copy Editor; Absent when picture was taken.)

Dear Diary;

We, the Ravelings staff, would like to let you know how much fun we have had in creating you, day by day, by entering the many events on your pages. We have strived to make you a book of which all students of D. H. S. can be proud.

We hope that the social functions, the extra curricular activities, the athletic events, and the outstanding accomplishments of the year are so interestingly reviewed that you will be always highly cherished. We hope that you will be opened many times in the years to come and that your owner may, in memory, relive the events of this year.

The Ravelings Staff.

Editor
Carolyn McDougal

Assistant Editor
Ronnie Robinson

Color Wheel

October 2

Dear Diary, today we elected officers for the forthcoming year. They are Bonnie Welker, president; Nora Ray, vice-president; Beverly Douglas; secretary-treasurer.

November 14

Dear Diary, our first Art Exhibit was held today. It was open to the public. One of our capable art students, Carolie Nelson, took second place with one of her oil paintings.

December 10

Dear Diary, we are busy decorating the windows and working on the stage settings for the Christmas play.

February 8

Dear Diary, we are making signs for all the schools participating in the Sectional Tourney.

March 11

Dear Diary, today we started making scenery for the musical revue, "Steppin' Out." It looks like an enormous job, but we all seem to be enjoying it.

Goodbye, Dear Diary
B. W.

Color Wheel Officers

Left to right:
Secretary & Treasurer—Beverly Douglas
Vice President—Nora Ray
President—Bonnie Welker

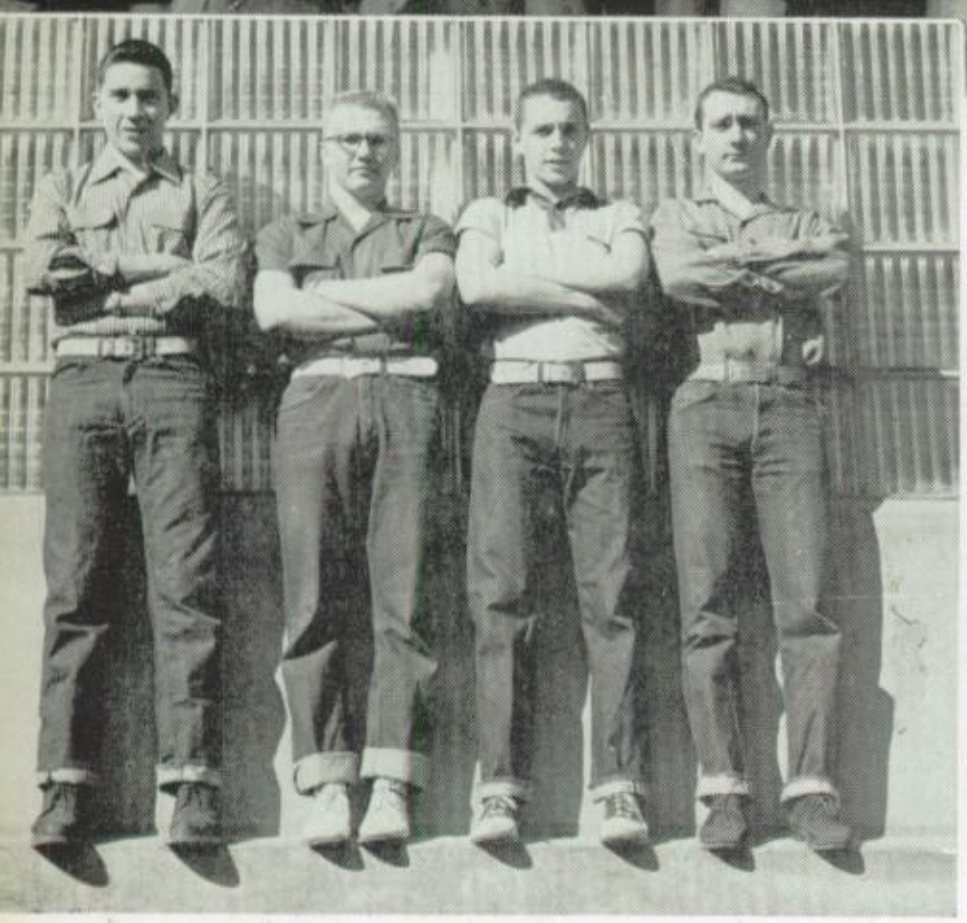
From left to right: Carolie Nelson; Janet Everhart; Bonnie Welker; Beverly Douglas; Carl Lehrman, Barbara McBride; Patty Byrd; Marvene Buuck; Ted Douglas; Nanna Aurand; Nora Ray; Barbara Black; Delight Wagner.

First Row (Seated): Don Shaffer, Don Aurand, Jim Engle, Verlin Egly, Gary Simons, Phil Krick, Roger Blackburn, Larry Hutker, Larry Vizard.

Second Row: Roger Pollock, Dick Gaskill, Don Lehman, Bob Baker, Bill Ditto, John Neireiter, Tony Custer, Jim Rowley, Neil Keller, Phil Baker.

Third Row: Carl Lehrman, Paul Rolston, Dave Halterman, Jerry Bair, Jerry Rhodes, Max Hilyard, Bill Hancher, Stanley Allison, Fred McDougal.

Last Row: Harlan Shaffer, Virgil Wolfe, Jim Bowman, Bill Roth, Harry Hebble, Dan Krueckeberg, Larry Worden, Phil DeBolt, Roger Strickler.



"D" Club Officers

Tony Custer—Vice-President
Larry Hutker—Treasurer
Roger Pollock—President
Larry Vizard—Secretary

"D" Club

Sept. 22. Dear Diary, the "D" Club, originated in 1951, consists of boys who receive athletic awards in high school. This year, Dear Diary, we have forty members.

Sept. 25. Dear Diary, today we elected the following officers; president, Roger Pollock; vice-president, Tony Custer; secretary, Larry Vizard; and treasurer, Larry Hutker.

Oct. 19. Dear Diary, we are making plans to make money to build new dugouts for our baseball field. We also want to buy a new trophy case for the gym lobby.

Oct. 23. Dear Diary, tonight after the game we sponsored a dance which netted us a little money toward the dugouts and the trophy case.

April 23. Dear Diary, today we distributed tickets to be sold for our annual "D" Club dinner and program. The dinner is slated for April 30.

May 28. Dear Diary, the end has come. We hope that our organization in the future will carry on the work we have begun.

Good night, Diary,
R. P.

Speech

Sept. 9. Dear Diary, here we are in speech class with a whole new year before us.

Oct. 28. Dear Diary, tonight we had a party at Arnold Gerke's farm.

Dec. 20. Dear Diary, Jim Engle was narrator in our Christmas Play.

Jan. 4. Dear Diary, we gained a new member today which makes a total of fifteen. He is Larry Vizard.

Jan. 6. Dear Diary, we had a Junior Town Meeting at Convoy, Ohio. Carolie Nelson and Tony Custer spoke on "Do We Understand Communism?"

Jan. 29. Dear Diary, Arnold Gerke won the County F.F.A. contest.

Feb. 4. Dear Diary, all the girls in our class participated in the American Legion Oratorical Contest. Jim Rowley, a speech student last year, placed first, and Carolyn McDougal was chosen alternate.

Feb. 22. Dear Diary, a group of girls entertained the Woman's Club tonight with the topic, "Are There Too Many Frills and Extra-curricular Activities?"

March 2. Dear Diary, Jim Rowley and Kay Borman gave their orations on the Constitution at the Lion's Club. Arnold Gerke acted as chairman.

March 9. Dear Diary, Marlene Snyder entertained the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority with the topic, "Sculpturing."

March 10. Dear Diary, today we had a Junior Town Meeting with Portland. The subject, "Are There Too Many Frills and Extra-curricular Activities?", was discussed by Anita Smith and Jim Engle.

M. S.

Legion Speech Contest:

Jim Rowley; Kay Borman; Donna Schieferstein of Monmouth; Mr. Jaberg, Legion Chairman.

Janet Hetrick; Sara Gerber; Anita Smith; Carol Seitz; Carolie Nelson; Kay Borman; Roger Pollock; Marlene Snyder; Jim Engle; Larry Hutker; Arnold Gerke; Bob Baker; Larry Vizard; Tony Custer.

Junior Town Meeting is on the air!

After the Junior Town Meeting—lunch.

First row: Delight Wagner, Bonnie Welker, Jeanette Hahnert, Marlene Snyder, Gwen Hilyard, Carol Seitz, Joan Clark, Madeline Friend, Jane Rentz, Charna Lake, June Edwards, Anita Smith.

Second row: Brenda Levy, Joyce Franklin, Barbara Black, Willa Goelz, Carolyn McDougal, Dorcas Davidson, Earl Sprague, Tony Custer, Larry Hutker, Bob Sprague, Greta Erekson, Marilyn Kirchenbauer, Janet Hetrick.

Third row: Kay Johnson, Joan Johnson, Jackie Reidenbach, Nora Ray, Janet Smith, Larry Vizard, David Runyon, Tom Aurand, Don Duff, Jerry Bair, Sara Gerber, Dorcas Sautbine, Colleen Lobsiger.

Fourth row: Nanna Aurand, Sheila Ahr, Janice Hall, Carolie Nelson, Roger Blackburn, Jim Rowley, Phil Krick, Bill Ditto, Roger Eichenauer, Bob Baker, Janet Everhart, Dana Dalzell, Norma Agler.

Helen Haubold—Director

Choir

Dear Diary,

Sept. 8. Here we are back in choir again with 55 members. Today we chose our officers:

President—Carol Seitz
Vice-president—Bob Baker
Secretary—Madeline Friend

Nov. 13. We had our Open House tonight. We entertained the parents with songs from "Desert Song" and other musical numbers. We were glad to see so many parents.

Dec. 20. Our Christmas program this year was "Christmas the World Around." We sang some of the favorite Christmas carols from different countries. Among them were "Silent Night, Holy Night," "O Holy Night," and "Deck the Halls."

Jan. 6. We sang at the Reformed Church for Spiritual Emphasis Week. We sang "Sing Praises," and "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee." We received many compliments on our singing.

April 2. Yesterday and today have been big days; we presented the spring revue which is "Steppin' Out." We sang many of our favorite popular songs. Among them were "You'll Never Walk Alone," "That's Amore," "Vaya Con Dios," and many others. Our audience received the program enthusiastically.

May 27. Tonight was our last performance of the year and the very last performance for the seniors. It was both a happy and a sad day for the seniors. We sang one of the loveliest songs we could sing at Commencement, "Graduation Prayer."

Now, dear Diary, I will close by saying (and I think I am saying it for all the seniors) that I hope Miss Haubold has a good choir in the years to come and that the "up and coming" choir members have just as much fun in choir as we did. C. S.

Choir Officers

Seated: Vice President—Bob Baker
President—Carol Seitz
Standing: Secretary—Madeline Friend
Treasurer—Willa Mae Goelz

Boy's Quartet

Seated: Bill Ditto, Jim Rowley
Standing: Dave Embler, Bob Sprague

Accompanist

Jane Rentz

First Row; left to right: Ann Kocher, Dana Dalzell, Ruth Townsend, Gloria Wall, Judy Stauffer, Shelia Ahr, Susan Custer, Nancy Doyle, Barbara Kalver, Janalee Smith, Claudia Caston, Connie Baxter.

Second Row: Marlene Thieme, Shirley Wass, Ron Robinson, Jane Stiverson, Mary Rentz, Stanley Alger, Ralph Thomas, Madge Scheiderer, Judy Lane, Judy Smith, Dorcas Davidson, Jackie Reidenbach.

Third Row: Brenda Sommer, Jerry Kaehr, Ronnie Feller, Lynn Smith, Jane Rentz, Marilyn Foor, Karen Jefferies, Cheryl Ashbaucher, Bill Jacobs, Anne Uhrick, Anita Smith.

Fourth Row: Bob Ochsenrider, Peter Dalzell, Jim Anderson, Harold Sommer, Cathy Cole, Gretchen Lankenau, David Unrick, John Hebble, Donna Kay Small.

Majorettes; left to right: Dorcas Davidson, Jackie Reidenbach, Marlene Thieme, Shirley Wass.

Band

Director:
Clint Reed

At the basketball game.

September 1953

Dear Diary, we, the band, started our musical programs by playing for all the home football games, while our majorettes— Dorcas Davidson, Jackie Reidenbach, Shirley Wass, and Marlene Thieme— twirled their fire batons. Also, Diary, we elected Ronnie Robinson student conductor and Anita Smith assistant student conductor.

October 1953

Dear Diary, we marched in the annual Calithumpian Parade in which Dorcas Davidson, our drum majorette, received second place for being a very good drum majorette.

November 1953

Dear Diary, during the basketball season we displayed our talent again at all the home games by striking up a fine march with the twirlers or by playing a popular tune.

December 1953

Dear Diary, this month the German band, composed of some of the band members, played German folk songs for a German scene in the Christmas program.

February 1954

Dear Diary, the 16th of February, we, the orchestra, performed before the veterans at the Fort Wayne hospital. Also, Diary, rounding out the basketball season, we played at the Sectional, entertaining the fans with our majorettes and our fine playing.

May 1954

Dear Diary, the climax of the school year for our orchestra was giving a very fine program, entitled "Decatur Hi, Lights of '54," which was a great success under the capable direction of Mr. Clint Reed.

And so, dear Diary, we hope that we have made the students of D. H. S. proud of the band and orchestra, and we wish to say, "Success to the band of 1955."

Goodbye, dear Diary.

F. H. A.

Sept. 15. Dear Diary, we elected officers today. Nora Ray was elected as our president; Barbara McBride, vice-president; Helen Roth, Secretary; and Sharon Marbach, treasurer.

Oct. 20. Dear Diary, for the first time in F.H.A. history a formal candle-light installation of new officers was held. We invited the Jefferson High School girls to be our guests for the evening.

Nov. 11. Dear Diary, today we F.H.A. girls entertained the F.F.A. boys with a square dance. We all has loads of fun.

April 12. Dear Diary, we took an exciting trip to Cincinnati. We learned many interesting facts by visiting the various manufacturing companies.

May 10. Dear Diary, a lovely banquet was given in honor of the senior girls and their parents. We were presented with gifts by the junior girls. After the banquet we entertained everyone with a variety show.

P.S. I'm sure, Dear Diary, we would all like to thank Miss Steller for her able leadership throughout the year.

Good Bye, Dear Diary,
N. R.

Officers; left to right: Sharon Marbach, Treasurer; Helen Roth, Secretary; Barbara McBride, Vice President; Nora Ray, President.

Group; First row seated left to right: Jeannine Schultz, Connie Douglas, Marlene Thieme, Shirley Wass, Barbara Heller, Sharon Kreischer.

Second row seated left to right: Georgianna McBride, Betty Knavel, Myra Black, Mildred Grote, Sara Frank, Mary Lou Gaunt, Janet McKean.

Third row standing up and across: Shirley Garner, Louise Wass, Sharon Baker, Rosemary Strahm, Delight Wagner, Nora Ray, Nanna Aurand, Barbara Black, Norma Agler, Sally Roth, Carol Bowman, Connie Strickler, Brenda Levy.

Upper left group: Vivian Hamilton, Virginia Miller, Ruth Girod, Lorna Smith, Nancy Cole, Marilyn Foor, Janet Courtney, Jean Roth, Sondra May, Marlene Dellinger, Nancy Baumgartner, Gladys Ewell, Donna Venus.

Upper right group: Joyce Irwin, Helen Irwin, Beverly Singer, Sharon Marbach, Rita Runyon, Sharon Drake, Helen Bollinger, Judy Dedolph; Sharon Idlewine, Lulubell Swygart, Karen Allison.

First row; Seated: Arlen Fuelling, Marvin Grote, Richard Marbach, Stanley Allison, Ronnie Vetter, Arnold Gerke.

Standing: LeRoy Martin, Roger Clark, Ronald Brown, Eugene Fuelling, Carl Lehrman, Gerald Grote, Jim Holt, Larry Vizard.

F. F. A. Officers

Jim Holt—Sentinel
Eugene Fuelling—Treasurer
Ronnie Vetter—President
Stanley Allison—Reporter
Arnold Gerke—Secretary

F. F. A.

Sept. 9. Dear Diary, as we returned to school today, we looked back with satisfaction on our summer activities. Our softball team was the county champion for the second consecutive year. In June our livestock judging team participated in the Purdue judging contest.

Sept. 30. Dear Diary, this month we welcomed three new members—Ronald Brown, Leroy Martin, and Roger Clark.

Oct. 31. Dear Diary, during the past month we decided to drop our purebred gilt ring. We elected officers who are as follows: president, Ron Vetter; vice-president, Russ Plumley; secretary, Arnold Gerke; treasurer, Gene Fuelling; reporter, Stan Allison; sentinel, Jim Holt.

Nov. 30. Dear Diary, one of the activities of the past month was the organization of a purebred sheep ring. We decided to purchase two ewes. Ron Vetter and Stan Allison took the ewes for the first year.

Jan. 31. Dear Diary, Arnold Gerke won the District Speech Contest. We had a chili supper this month at the end of our pest control contest. Our basketball team lost two games.

March. Dear Diary, our chapter placed first in the county crop judging contest. We are now looking forward to the live-stock judging contest in April. R. V.

First row seated: Kay Johnson, Jackie Reidenbach, Sara Gerber.

Second row seated: Carolyn McDougal, Joyce Franklin, Greta Erekson.

Third row seated: Dorcas Sautbine, Janet Hetrick, Marilyn Kircherbauer, Madeline Friend.

Standing: Anita Smith, Shelia Ahr, Dana Dalzell, Ruth Weigman, Jeanette Hahnert, June Edwards, Jane Rentz, Joan Clark, Arlene Myers, Janice Hall, Belva Miller, Marilyn Braun.

Seated: Willa Goelz, Norma Alger, Janet Hott, Carol Bowman, Fred McDougal, Marvene Buuck, Carol Seitz, Joan Johnson, Janet Smith, Charna Lake.

Standing: David Uhrick, Jim Holt, Jerry Keller, Harold Vanhorn, David Runyon, John Hammond, Dave Halterman, Roger Eichenauer, Bob Ochsenrider, Dave Embler, Ralph Thomas, Eugene Butcher, Roger Daniels.

Commercial Club

Oct. 28. Dear Diary, today we elected our officers. They are the following: Willa Mae Goelz, president; Madeline Friend, vice-president; Marcella Roth, secretary; and Janet Hetrick, treasurer.

Dec. 21. Dear Diary, This week we have worked on our Christmas designs. First place winner in the beginning typing class was Sheila Ahr; in the advanced class, Madeline Friend.

Feb. 19. Dear Diary, tonight, after our basketball game with Garrett, we sponsored a dance entitled "The Typewriter Trot." A good time was enjoyed by all.

May 19. Dear Diary, this is the day we have all been waiting for. The Gab Fest goes on sale. The articles have been written by students in the high school and were then passed on to Mr. Hetrick, our supervisor. The typing and mimeographing was done by students in his classes.

May 28. Dear Diary, this is the last day of school. We have had a successful year and we wish the Commercial Club the same success in the future.

W. M. G.

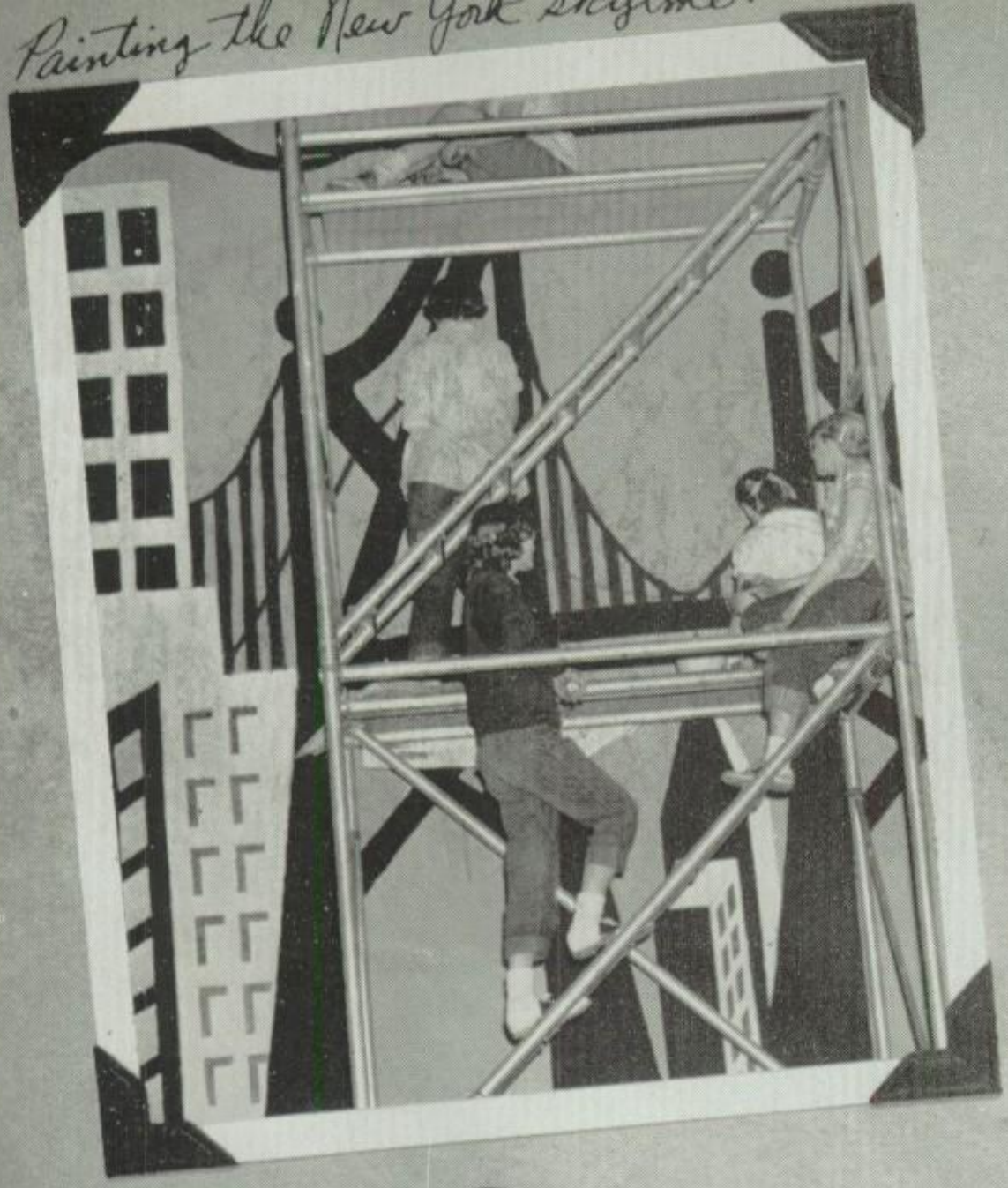
Officers

Janet Hetrick—Treasurer
Madeline Friend—Vice-president
Sally Roth—Secretary
Willa Goelz—President

Industrious Book Keepers

Checking on their speed

Painting the New York skyline.



Biology Bugs.

Activities

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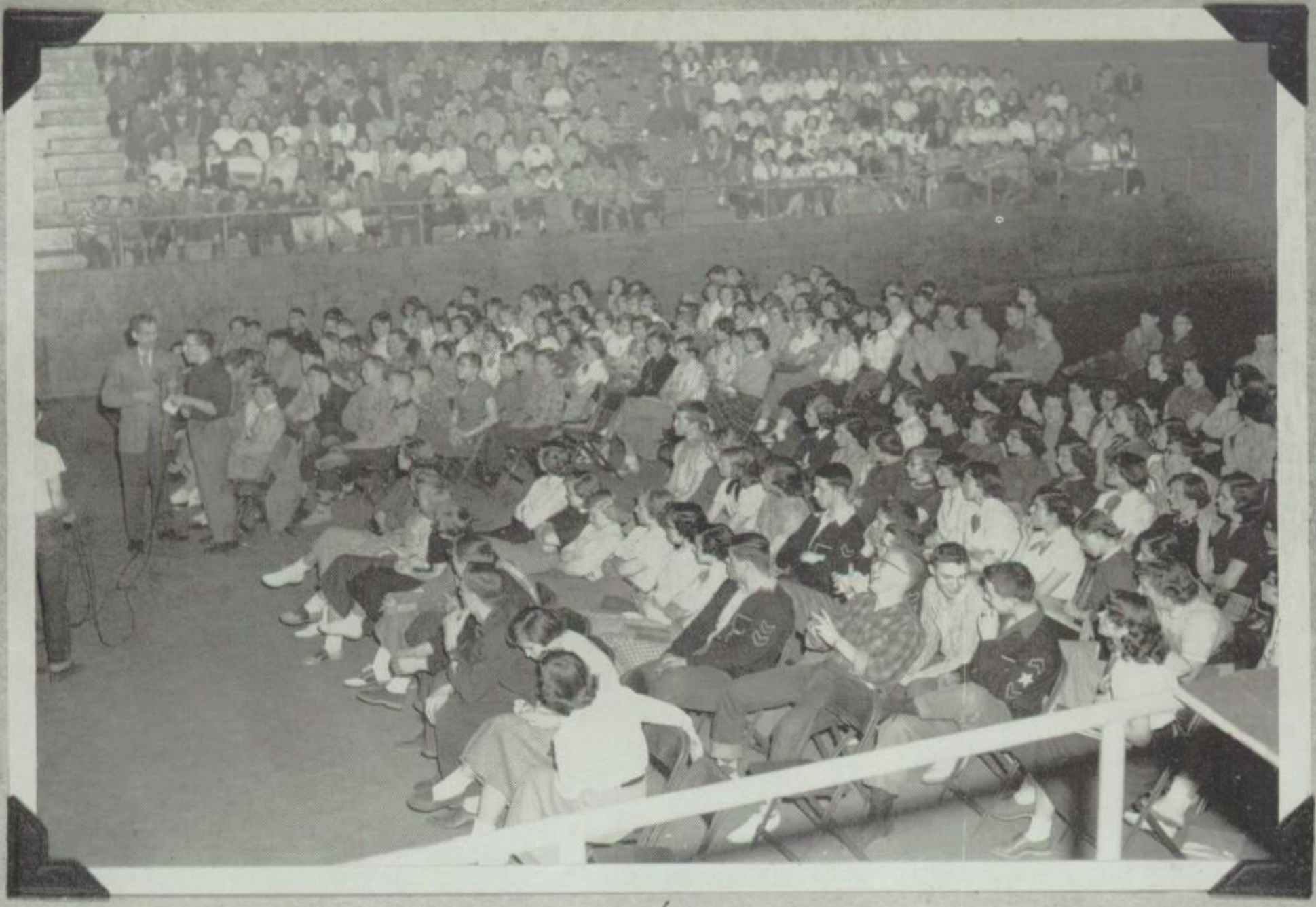
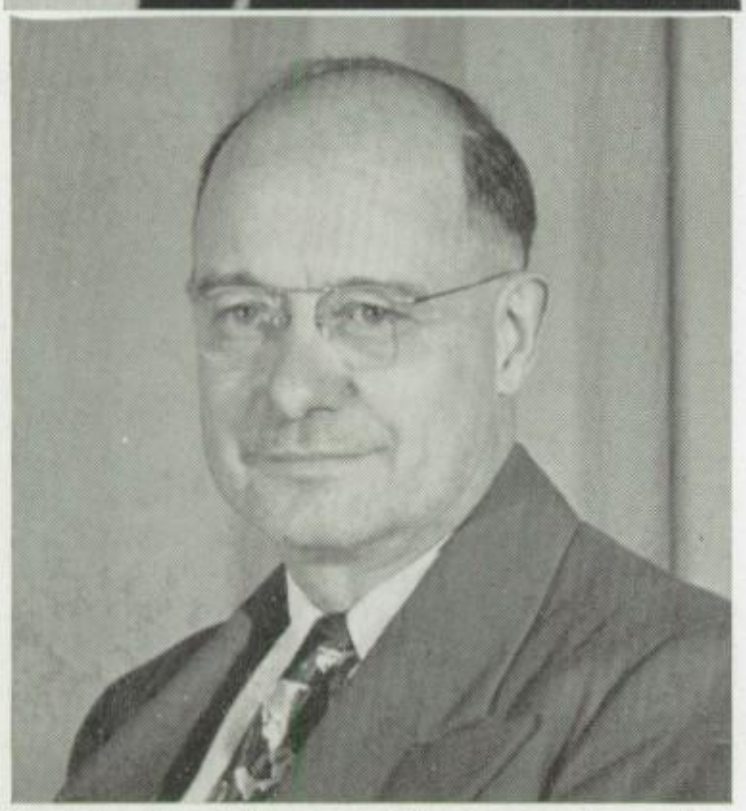


We're on the air.

Preparing for the dance.

They can eat their own cooking.



Student Council

April 8. Dear Diary, the Student Council is now completing its second year of activity. Some definite steps have been taken to inspire better conditions in our school, especially in the matter of conduct in the hall, during assembly programs and during the noon hour. It is hoped that next year the Council can put into practice many of the good ideas developed as a proposed program this year.

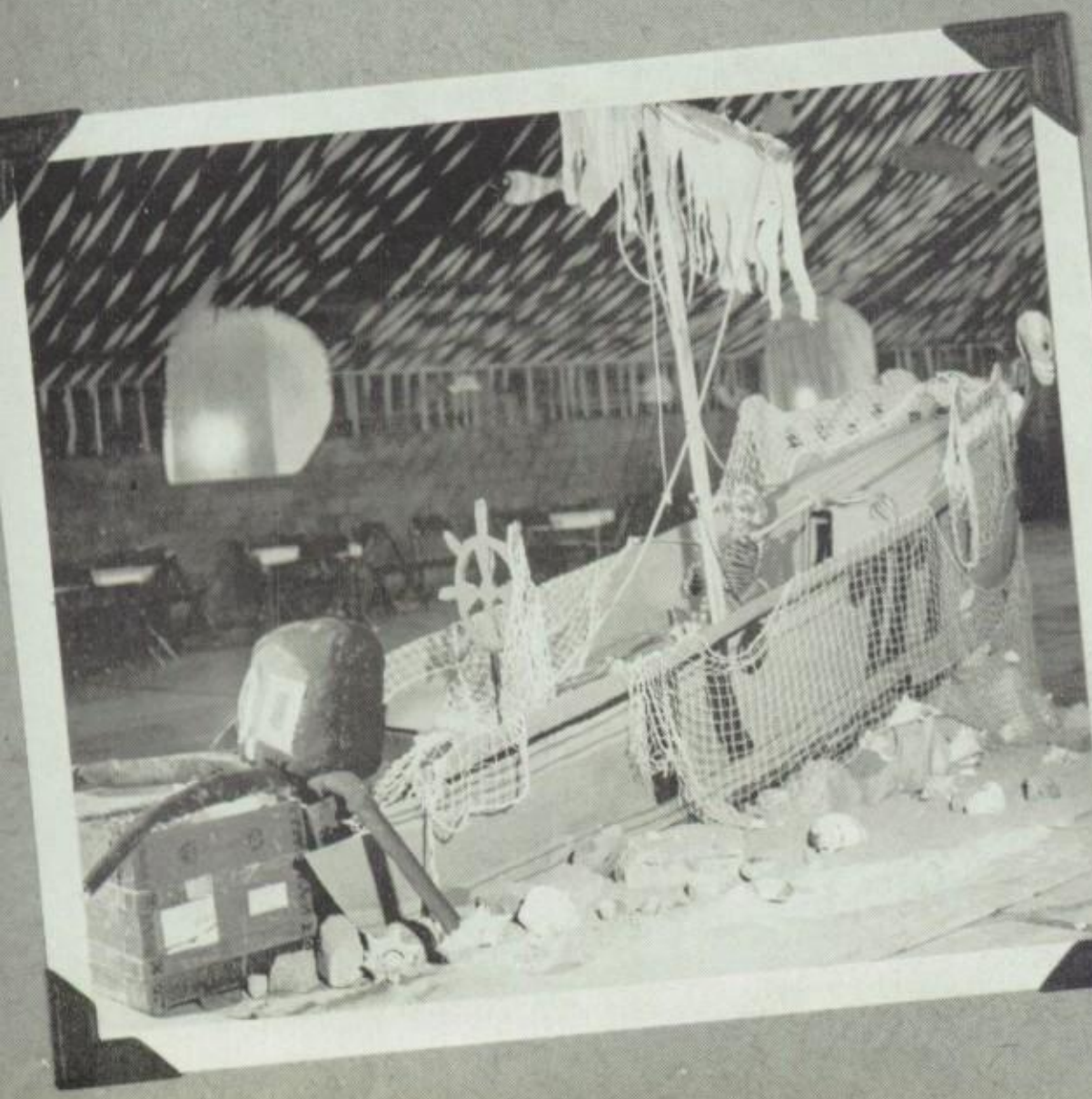
M. K.

President of Student Council: Marilyn Kirchenbauer

Advisor: Amos Ketchum

Seated: Susan Gerber; Stanley Allison; Larry Vizard; Anita Smith; Marilyn Kirchenbauer; Dan Krueckeberg; Marlene Thieme; Phil DeBolt.

Standing: Jim Holt; Fred Locke; Stanley Kirkpatrick; Jay Gould; Arlene Myers; Virginia Miller; Susan Heller; Patty Girod; Ann Kocher; Madeline Friend.



Christmas

"Christmas Around the World"

Dec. 20. Dear Diary, we gave our High School Christmas program this Sunday afternoon. After the ever impressive candle light processional, the stage program entitled "Christmas Around the World" was given. It showed Christmas in many lands such as England, Italy, Germany, and France. It ended with the representatives of the nations in reverence before the Nativity scene.

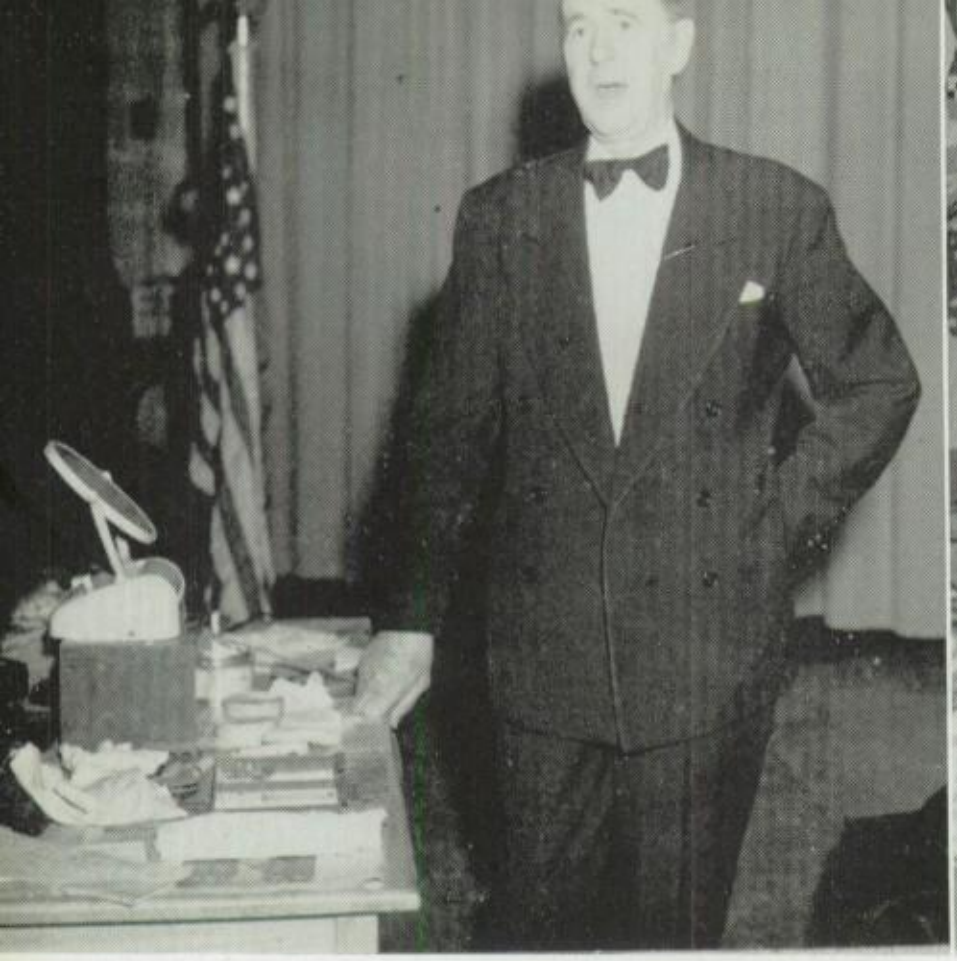
C. Mc.

Spring Revue

"Steppin' Out"

April 2. Dear Diary, we gave the last presentation of our musical review this evening. In it John, a theatrical producer, and his wife Betty, "step out." During the day Betty and her ladies club are entertained with songs and dances in a Japanese tea-room. John meets business associates at an Italian restaurant. In the evening they go to a modern New York roof-garden to celebrate their wedding anniversary.

C. Mc.



Assembly Programs

"D" Club banquet.

Sports

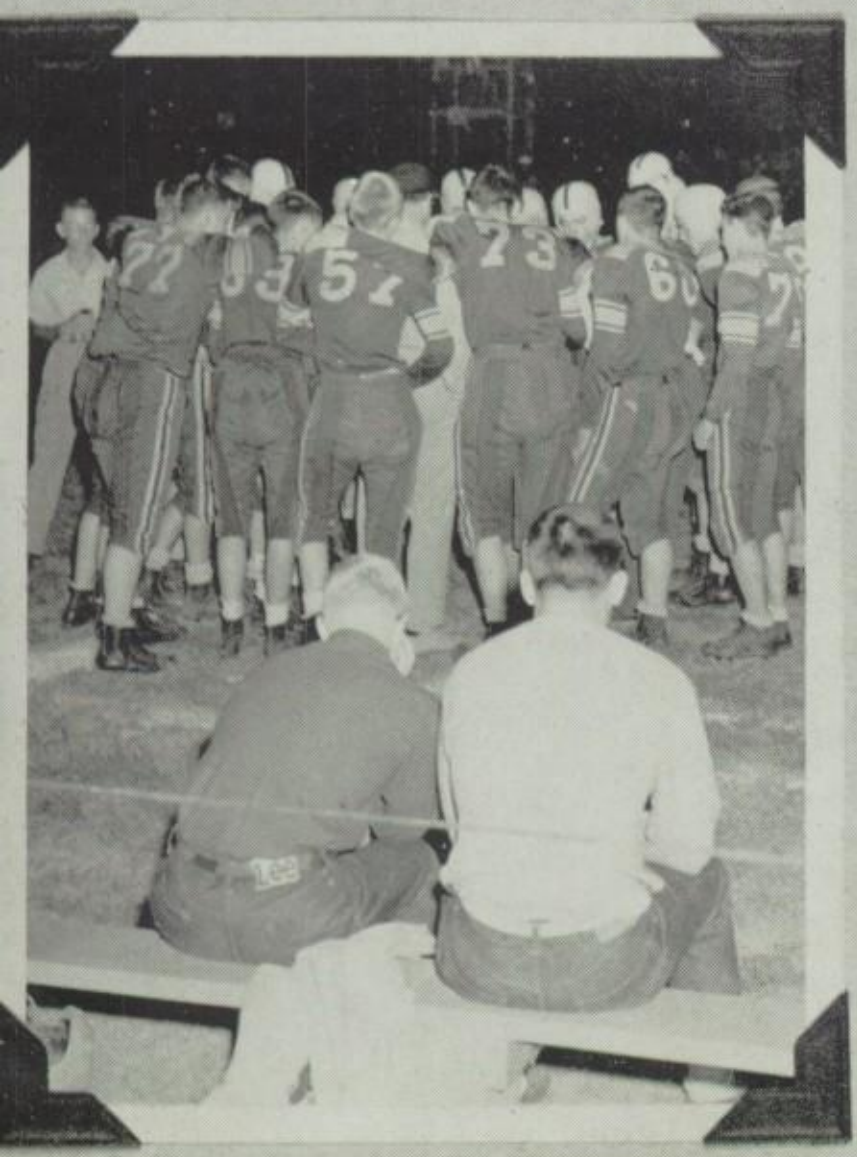
Intramural basketball

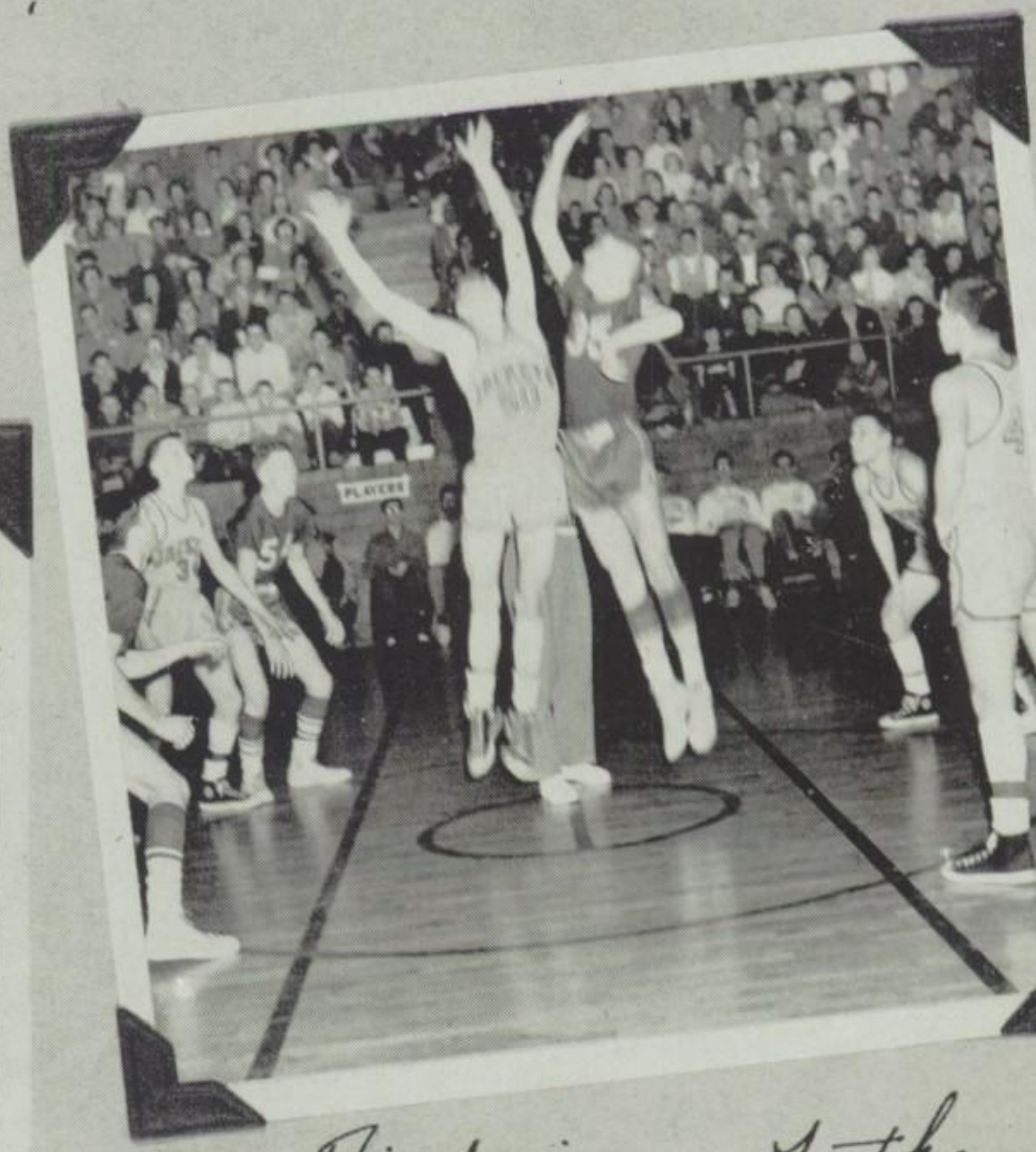
Senior girls in warm-up jacket

Yea team fight!

Will they make it?

Final instructions





First jump of the sectional tourney.

Varsity (Football)

First row left to right: Jim Rowley, Bob Baker, Roger Blackburn, Jim Engle, Larry Hutker, Roger Pollock, Larry Vizard, Don Aurand, Neil Keller, Tony Custer, Verlin Egly, Phil Krick.

Second row: Jerry Rhodes, Don Shaffer, Stanley Allison, Dave Halterman, Bill Hancher, Gary Simons, John Neireiter, Bill Ditto, Max Hilyard, Phil Baker, Jerry Bair, Roger Strickler, Fred McDougal.

Cheerleaders

Carolyn Aumann, Leah Brandyberry, Mara Dee Striker, Joan Clark.

Sept. 11. Dear Diary, again as in the past two years the Yellow Jackets opened their season against the tough Auburn Red Devils. Auburn again showed their superior size and defeated the Yellow Jackets 20 to 6, but the Jackets showed their constant fight and spirit and battled the Red Devils to the final gun.

Sept. 26. Dear Diary, well the Jackets dropped three more games, losing a hard fought battle to their arch-rivals, the Bluffton Tigers, 14-7; the second, in another hard fought battle the Hartford City Airedales, 12-8; and the third, 27 to 0, at the hands of revenge-seeking Garrett.

Oct. 2. Dear Diary, well, the Jackets lost it, but it was a good and well-played game, with Portland having a hard time to take the 21 to 7

this game and snapped their losing streak with an impressive 26 to 12 win.

Oct. 17. Dear Diary, the Jackets lost two home games. The New Haven Bulldogs handed the Jackets a 35 to 0 defeat in a NEIC conference game, and the Warsaw Tigers handed us another defeat by a 19 to 0 score.

Oct. 21. Dear Diary, in the final home game of the season the Jackets hosted the Columbia City Eagles, who took on the task of defeating the Jackets 25 to 0.

Oct. 30. Dear Diary, in the last grid contest of the season the Jackets traveled to Fort Wayne to take on the Tigers of Central. The Jackets were downed 39 to 0, but they played the game to the final gun and the score doesn't tell the whole story.

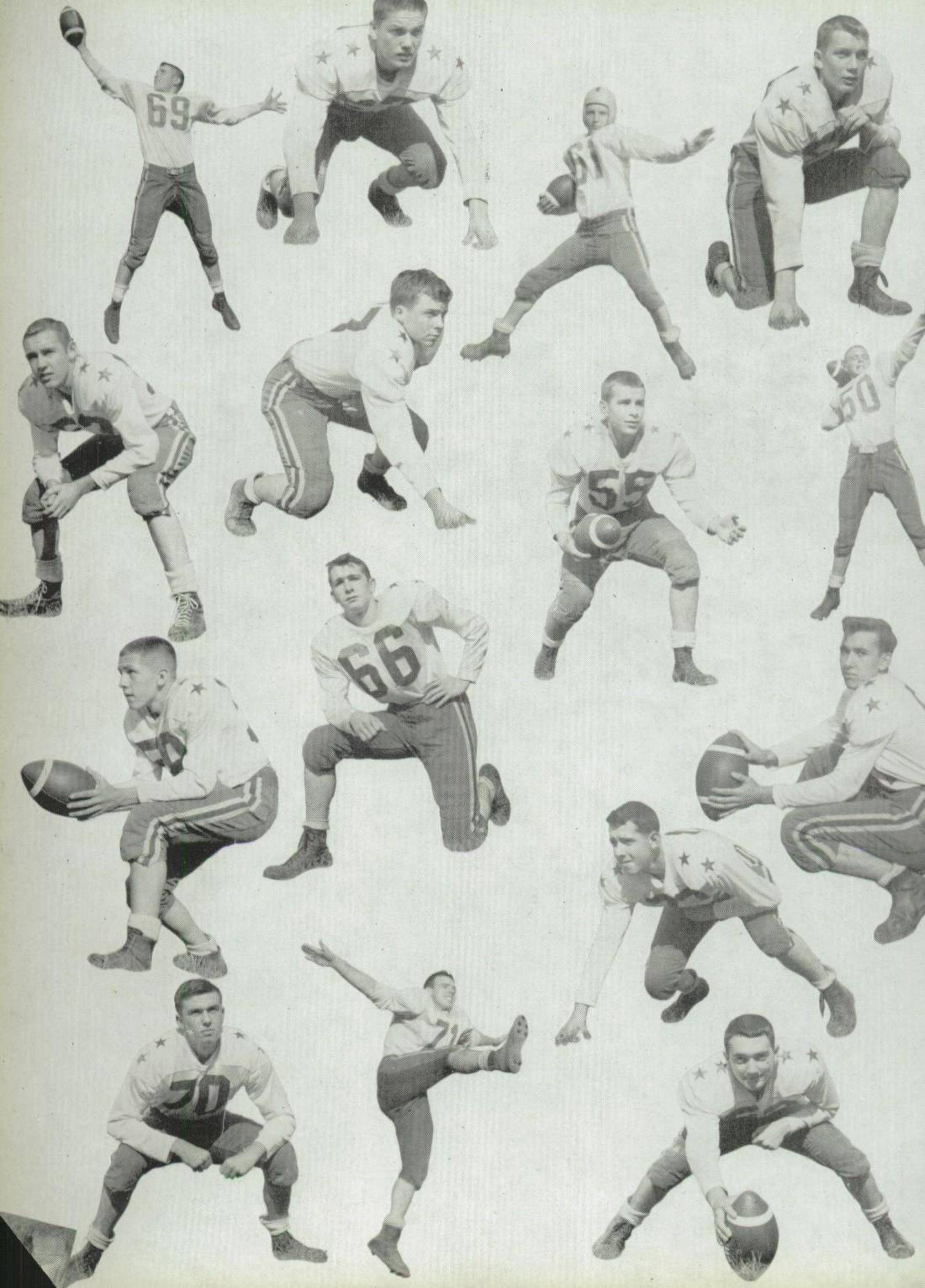
P. S. The Jackets didn't have an impressive win-lose record this year, but we are proud of the team spirit and play they showed throughout the season. With fifteen seniors graduating this year, Coach Worthman will have a task.

Seated: Jerry Leitz, Hubert Zerkel. Standing: Robert Worthman, Deane Dorwin.

Reserves (Football)

Kneeling left to right: Roger Eley, Bob Rawley, Harlen Shaffer, Don Peterson, Ted Schrock, Stanley Alger, David Ellsworth, Gene Baxter, Jay Gould, Tony Kelley, Stanley Kirkpatrick, Jack Barlett, LeRoy Martin.

Standing: Jim Hullinger, Bill Roth, David Embler, Lannie Cornish, Terry Murphy, Doyle Egley, Dan Krueckeberg, Paul Rolston, Denny Lobsiger, Max Myers, Edwin Bean, Dewayne Agler, John Dorwin, Jon Corey.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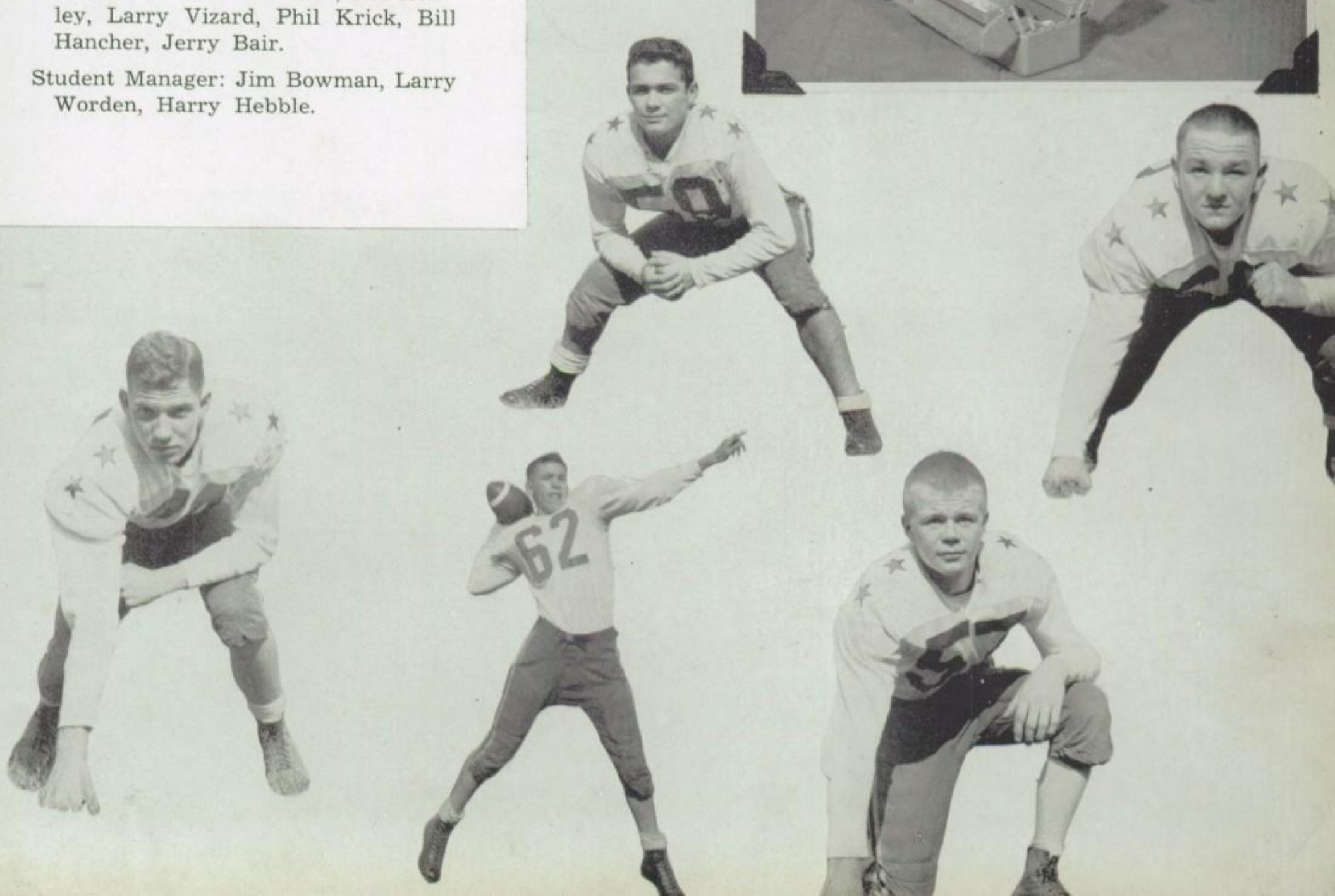
First Row: Tony Custer, Verlin Egly, Roger Strickler, Bob Baker, Dave Halterman, Don Aurand, Larry Hutker, Gary Simons.

Second Row: Jim Engle, Max Hilyard, Roger Blackburn, Roger Pollock, Don Shaffer.

Third Row: Fred McDougal, Neil Keller, Bill Ditto, Harlen Shaffer, Jerry Rhodes, Stanley Allison.

Fourth Row: John Neireiter, Jim Rowley, Larry Vizard, Phil Krick, Bill Hancher, Jerry Bair.

Student Manager: Jim Bowman, Larry Worden, Harry Hebble.



Basketball

Nov. 20. Dear Diary, with only two lettermen returning from last year's team Coach Worthman's job of rebuilding the team has been a tough one. Tonight the Jackets opened their '53-'54 basketball season by taking a home stand against the Geneva Cardinals, but we came out on the short end of a 76 to 52 score.

Dec. 5. Dear Diary, the Jackets have had tough luck on their past two games; we lost to Bluffton by a 48 to 36 score and then were dropped by Concordia 64 to 44.

Dec. 8. Dear Diary, tonight the Jackets got their initial win of the season by defeating the Berne Bears 59 to 51. The Jackets took the lead in the first quarter and held it throughout the game.

Dec. 24. Dear Diary, the Jackets continued to have tough luck after winning over Berne by dropping three games—the first to the undefeated South Side Archers, next an over-time battle with Warsaw, 46 to 42, and the third a conference game with Columbia City.

Dec. 26. Dear Diary, today the Jackets took third place in the Alexandria tourney. We dropped the first game to Alexandria 54 to 34, but won the consolation game by defeating Bluffton 55 to 52.

Jan. 8. Dear Diary, tonight the Jackets showed their ever-constant fight and spirit, but were dropped in a close game with Fort Wayne Central Catholic 47 to 45. Central Catholic won in the final seconds of the game.

Jan. 20. Dear Diary, the Jackets ran into another losing streak in the past three games. They lost to a good Auburn team, 63 to 49, were downed by the Fort Wayne Central Tigers, 75 to 57, and were dropped by a tough Huntington team, 65 to 43.

Jan. 26. Dear Diary, tonight the Jackets showed plenty of hustle and scrap to down the Van Wert Cougars by a 52 to 44 score.

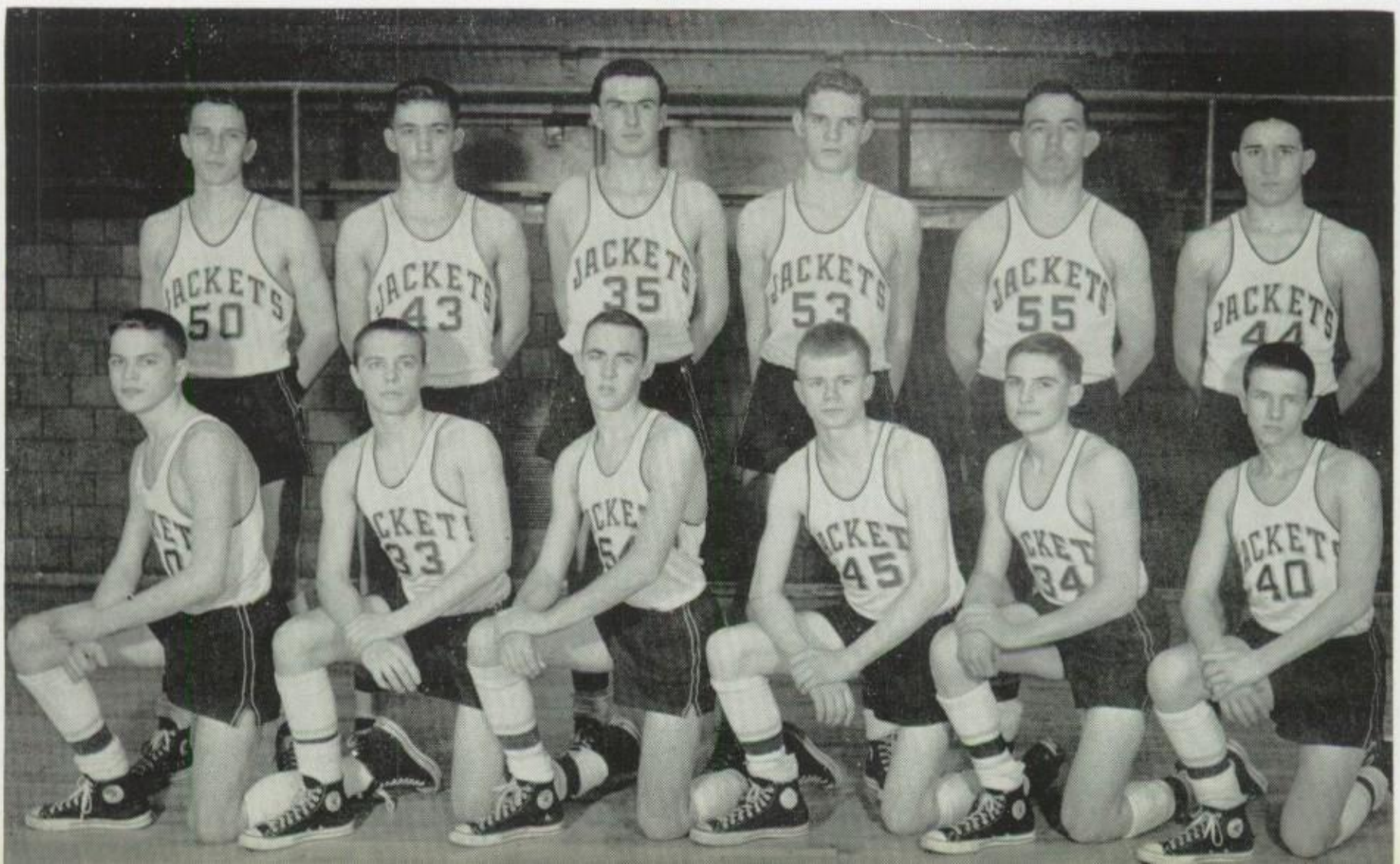
Jan. 29. Dear Diary, tonight the Jackets, showing plenty of improvement over the start of the season, played by far their finest game of the season so far and dropped Kendallville in a closely contested game, 67 to 64.

Feb. 12. Dear Diary, the Jackets, still playing good heads-up basketball lost another three games. In the first game the Jackets were edged out in the final seconds by the Bluffton Tigers, 55 to 54. We were defeated by the New Haven Bulldogs 51 to 41, and by Portland, 76 to 46.

Feb. 19. Dear Diary, in the final two games of the regular season, the Jackets won the first by a 71 to 44 score over Winchester and lost the final one to Garrett, 58 to 48.

Feb. 27. Dear Diary, the Jackets went into the Decatur Sectional to win the first game from the Hartford Gorillas by a score of 66 to 50 in an afternoon game. That night the Jackets played their best game of the season and upset the Geneva Cardinals, the Sectional favorite, with a score of 59 to 49. The Jackets drew first blood in this game and were never headed; they played with the fine team spirit known to the Decatur teams. The third game proved to be the elimination point for the Jackets as they were defeated by Monmouth, the eventual Sectional Champions, 57 to 47.

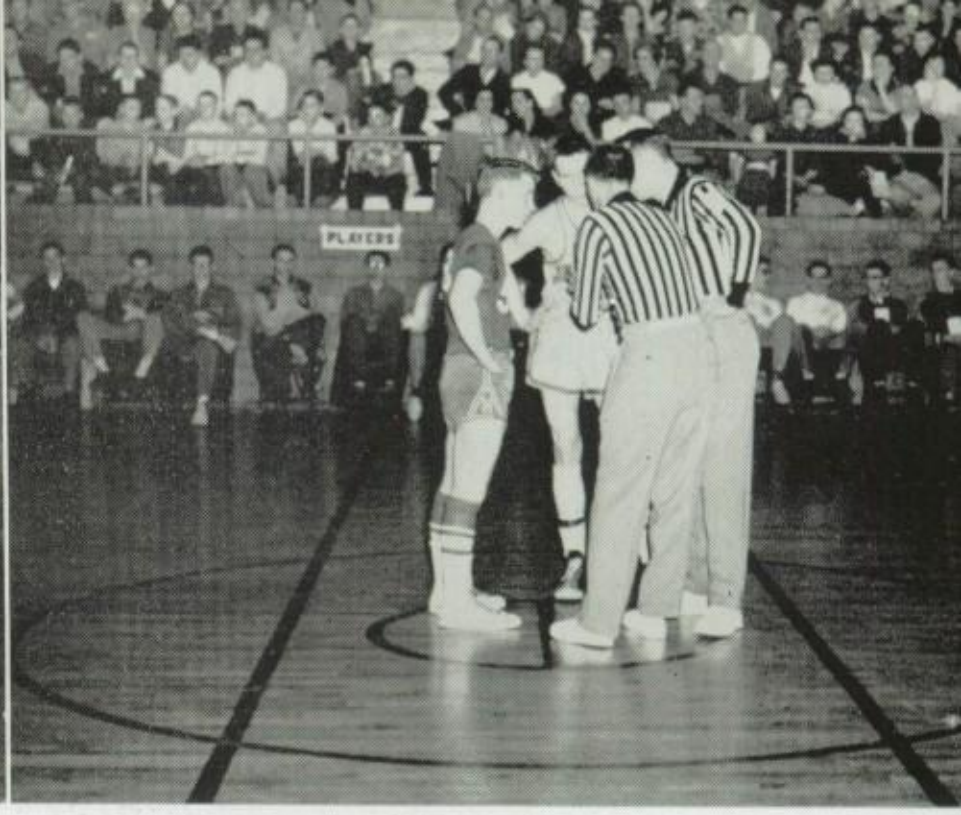
Kneeling: Dave Halterman, Roger Pollock, Jim Engle, Jerry Bair, Ronnie Vetter, Fred McDougal.
Standing: Bob Baker, Bill Hancher, John Neireiter, Phil Krick, Roger Eley, Tony Custer.



1. Fred McDougal
2. Bob Baker
3. Bill Hancher
4. Dave Halterman
5. Roger Pollock
6. John Neireiter
7. Phil Krick
8. Roger Eley
9. Jim Engle
10. Tony Custer
11. Ronnie Vetter

Coaches: Floyd Reed, Robert Worthman, Deane Dorwin.

Two Points?

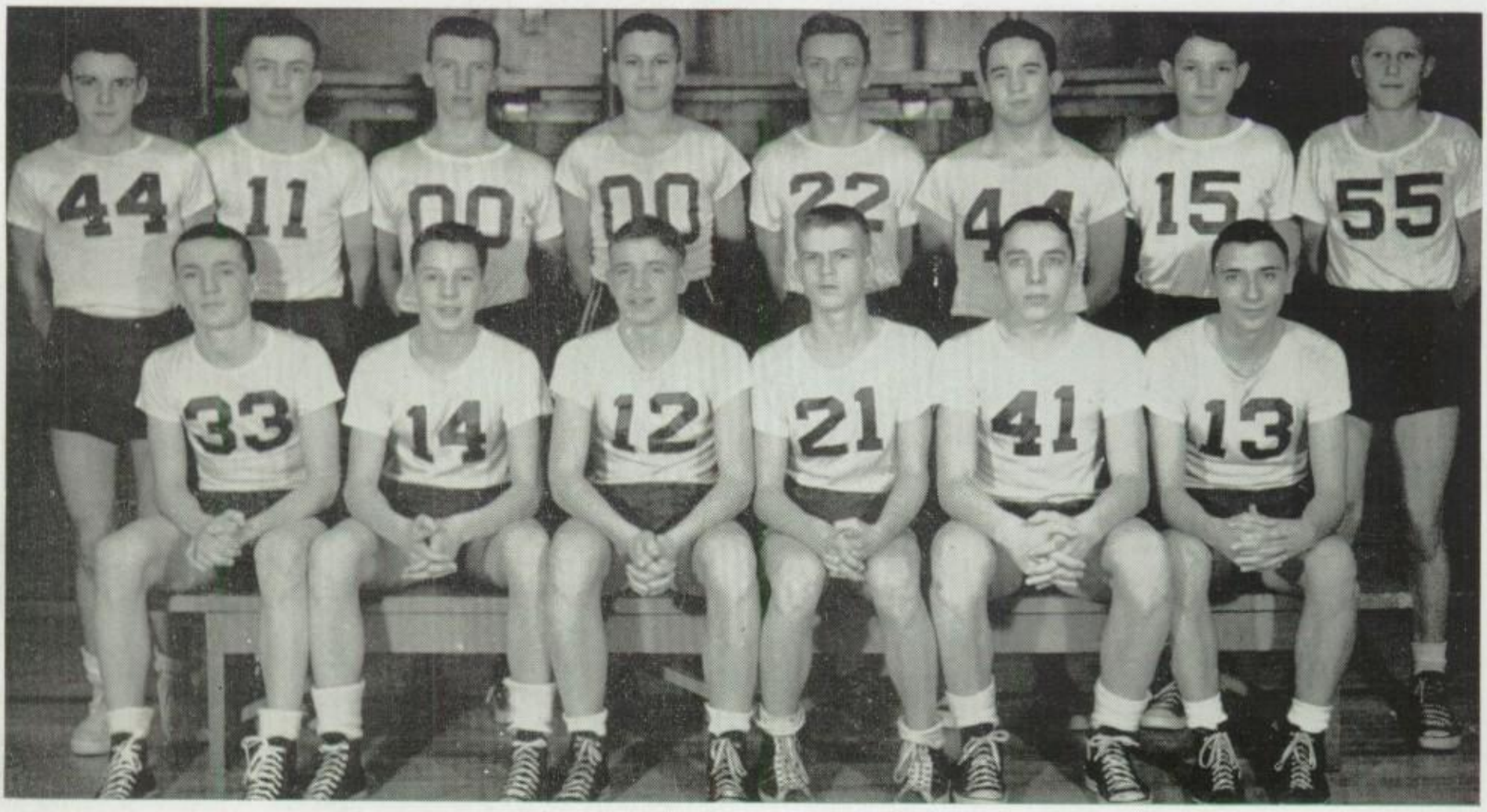


Official Instructions

March 1. Dear Diary, well, the 53-54 basketball season is over for the Jackets. We didn't have a good win-loss record, as we only won seven of twenty-three games, but the record doesn't tell the whole story as the Jackets played good basketball the whole season. Coach Worthman will have five returning lettermen next year to rebuild the team. We give Coach Worthman our whole hearted wishes for his team and a good season next year.

N. K.

Seated left to right: Tony Kelly, Ralph Thomas, John Dorwin, Larry Worden, Terry Murphy, Paul Rolston.
Standing: Fred Schott, Gene Baxter, Roger Strickler, Stanley Kirkpatrick, Jim Bowman, Dewayne Agler, Ted Schrock, Chalmer Reinking. (Roger Eichenauer—Absent).



Coach Worthman tells them!

Upper right: Jump ball!

Student Managers: Larry Worden, Larry Hutker, Jack Barlett.

First Team Cheerleaders: Carolyn McDougal, Janet Hetrick, Marilyn Kirchenbauer.

Second Team Cheerleaders: Luanne Lehman, Judy Lock, Judy Keller.

Baseball

March 22. Dear Diary, today another baseball season started with the sound of baseballs thudding into gloves and catching mitts and with the gym echoing and re-echoing to the noises of the first practice.

March 26. Dear Diary, in losing six players by graduation. Coach Dean Dorwin has just seven lettermen returning with which to form the nucleus of this year's team. They are: senior—Roger Pollock, Don Aurand, Jim Rowley, and Larry Vizard; junior—Fred McDougal and Paul Rolston; sophomore—Jim Bowman, and Virgil Wolf.

April 22. Dear Diary, the baseball team has won a game from Willshire, Ohio, and lost to Convoy and Van Wert, Ohio. The team still has games to be played against Marion, Concordia, New Haven, Berne, Bluffton, Kendallville, and Warsaw.

Goodbye, Diary

R. E.

First Row: Ted Douglas, Paul Schmidt, Ted Schrock, Jim Bowman, Walter Werst, Don Aurand, Virgil Wolf, Gene Baxter, Fred McDougal, Harlen Shaffer.

Second Row: Larry Vizard, Paul Rolston, Tony Custer, Jim Rowley, John Neireiter, Gary Simons, Bill Hancher, Tony Kelly, Roger Pollock.

Student Manager: Bill Ditto

Track

March 6. Dear Diary, forty-nine candidates answered Coach Worthman's call for the 1954 track season today. Ten lettermen are returning from last year, only four of them are seniors. Lettermen are—Blackburn, Keller, Krick, and Egly—senior; Halterman, Eley, Bair, Rhodes, and Hilyard—junior; Roth—sophomore.

April 6. Dear Diary, today the Jackets opened their track season against Central and Concordia of Fort Wayne and took third in the meet.

April 23. Dear Diary, we have not done very well in track this year. We placed second in a meet with Pleasant Mills and Monmouth; lost to Concordia and New Haven; and took third places in triangular meets with Huntington and Lafontaine, Portland and Winchester, Bluffton and Columbia City. In the N. E. I. C. meet the Jackets placed fifth.

April 27. Dear Diary, with only four seniors graduating from this year's team, maybe next year's team will have a better won-lost record; we hope so, Seniors of '54.

N. K.

First Row Seated: Roger Eley, Neil Keller, Phil Krick, Roger Blackburn, Dave Halterman, Dave Embler.

Second Row Kneeling: Bob Sprague, Bob Rawley, Charles Shaffer, Ralph Thomas, Jerry Rumple, Fred Shott, Dan Krueckeberg, Bill Roth, Harold Sommers, Phil DeBolt, Don Duff, Stanley Kirkpatrick, Mike Cole.

Last Row: Bob Keller, Jon Corey, Phil Baker, Jerry Rhodes, Terry Murphy, Roger Eichenauer, Doyle Egly, Max Hilyard, Eugene Butcher, Denny Lobsiger, DeWayne Agler, John Dorwin.

Track Managers
Mike Beery, Charles Judt

Girls' Athletics

March 22. Dear Diary, all the girls in Decatur High School have the opportunity to participate in different athletic activities in their physical education classes. Many also enjoy participating in intra-mural volleyball and basketball, but interest and enthusiasm was at its highest this evening as the inter-class basketball tourney ended. The Seniors were the winners, and, although no awards are given, winning is reward enough, as evidenced by the expressions on the faces of the winners pictured below.

M. K.

Rebecca Worthman
Girls' Athletic Director

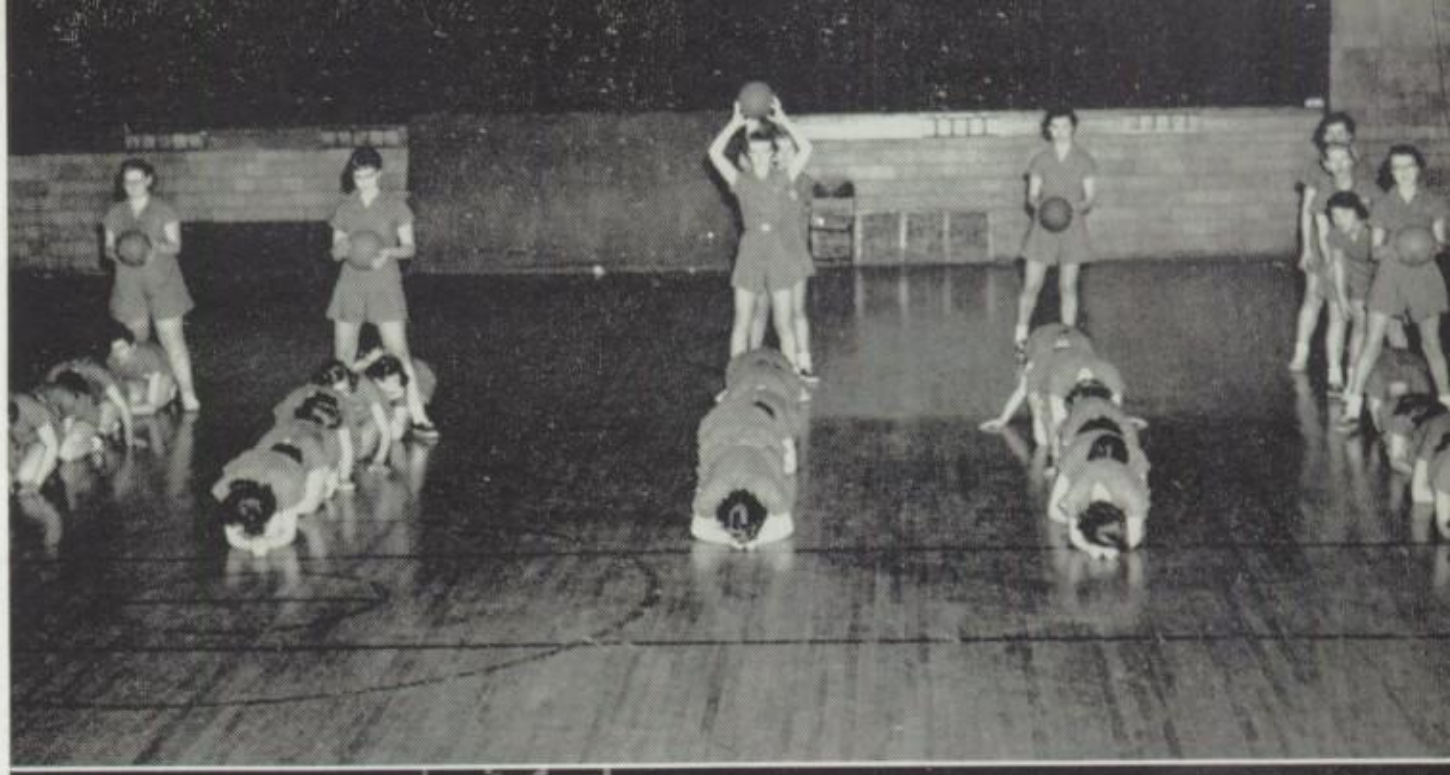
Senior Girls Basketball Team

First Row: Carol Bowman.

Second Row: Nanna Aurand, Carol Seitz, Marilyn Kirchenbauer, Willa Mae Goelz, Sally Roth, Delight Wagner.

Third row: Carolyn McDougal, Janet Hetrick, Carolie Nelson, Barbara Black, Janet Smith, Janet Everhart.

Over and under relay.



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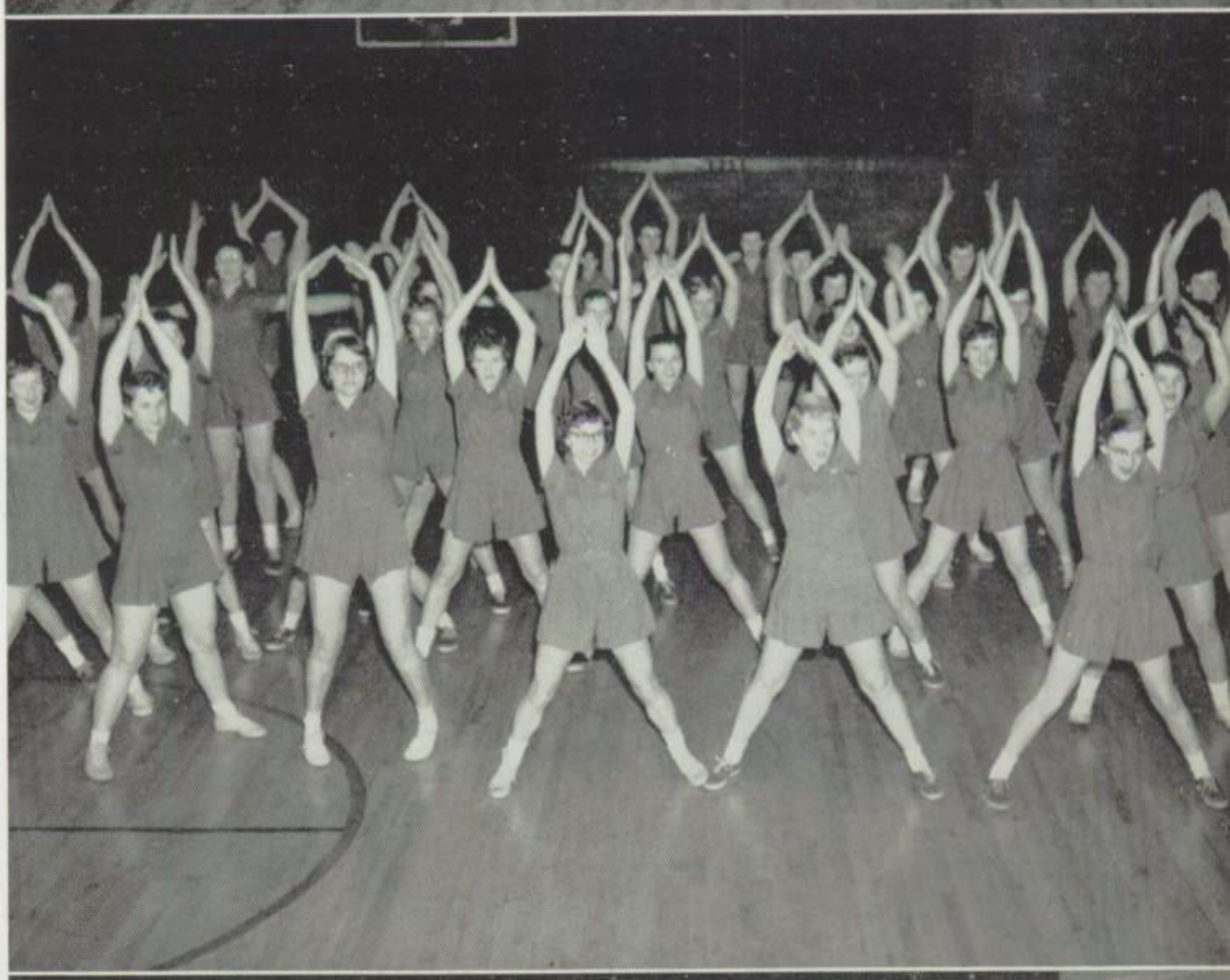
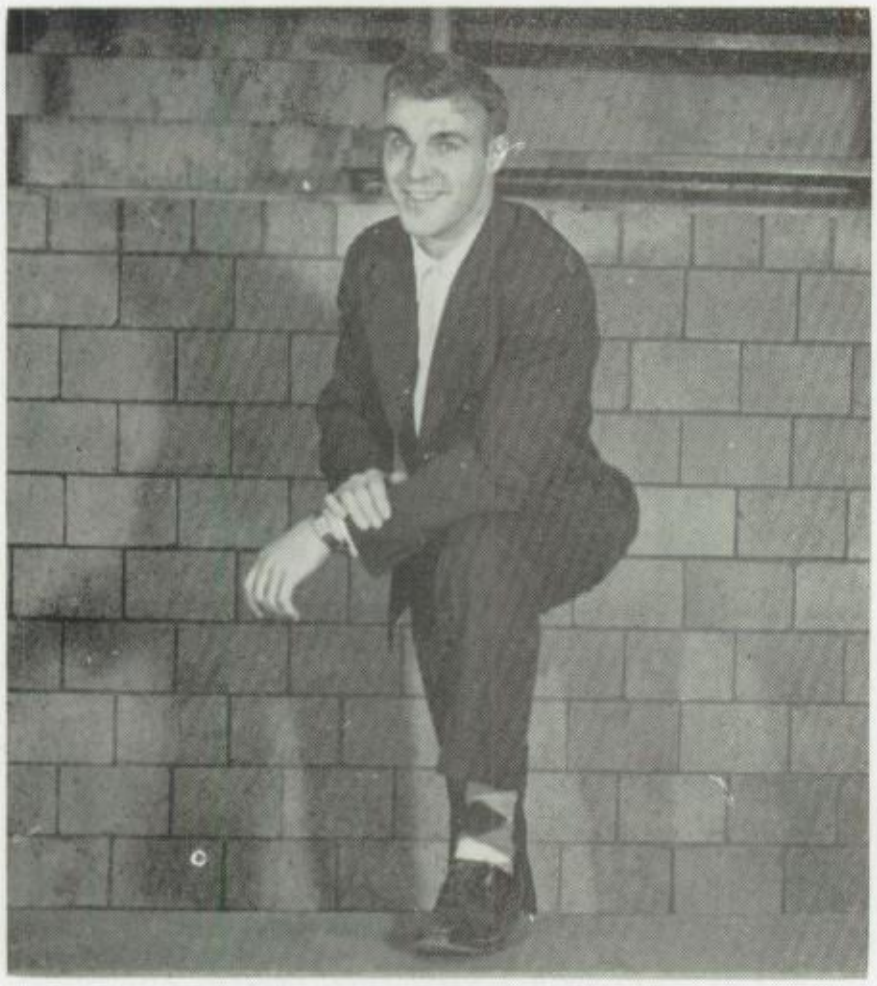


On its way over the net.

Junior High Basketball

Jan. 16. Dear Diary, in the city series contest with St. Joe, the Junior High team lost the Series by losing the first two games.

Feb. 19. Dear Diary, in the Junior High Tourney at Bluffton, Decatur lost the first game to Kendallville.



Ray Lehman, Coach

March 9. Dear Diary, Coach Ray Lehman will have only one regular back next year. This will be Bob Shraluka; but Terry Holtsberry, Bill Bracey, and Dick Dellinger should help in rebuilding the team.

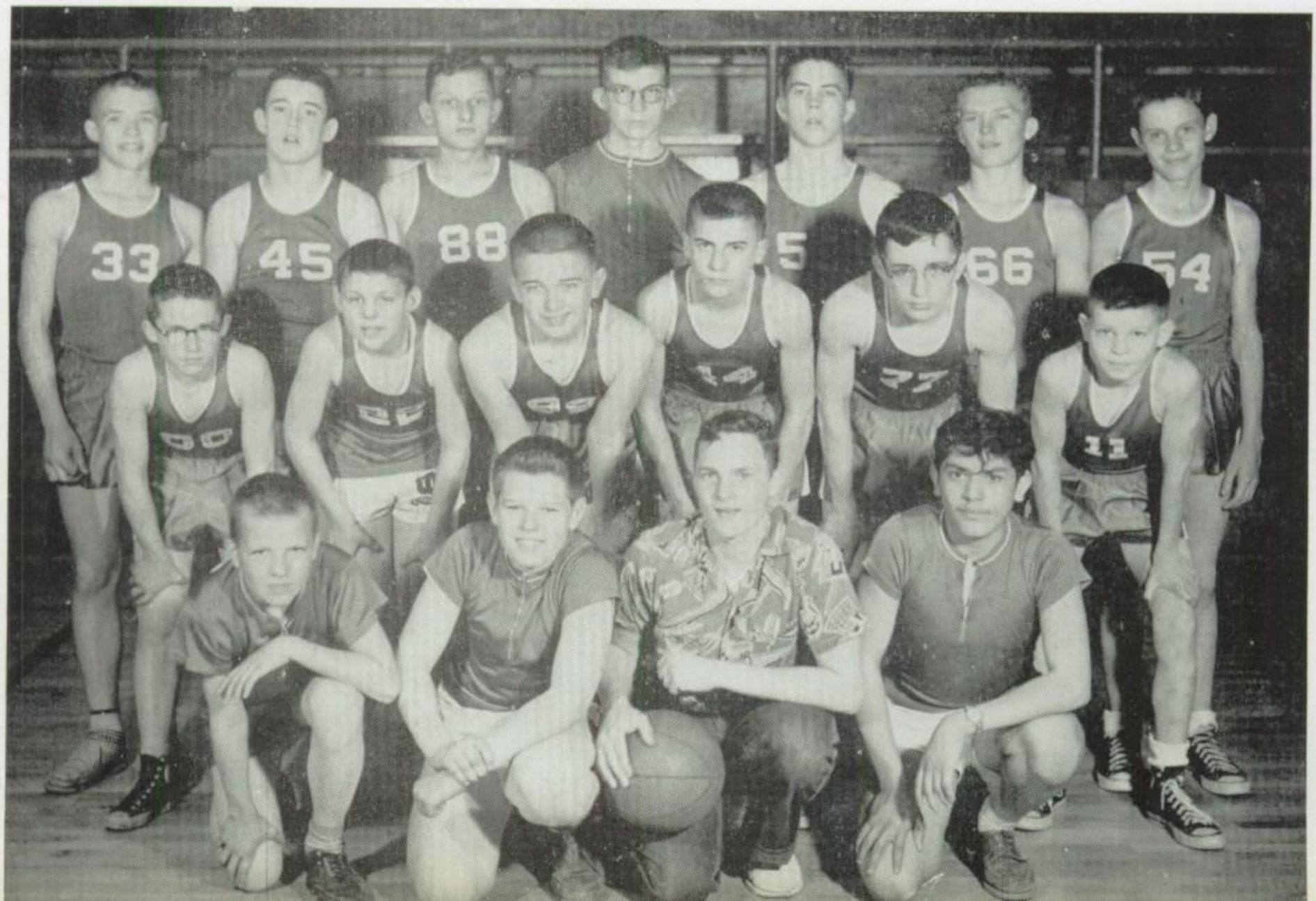
March 30. Dear Diary, the Junior High team finished the season with a good record of 14 victories and 5 losses.

Goodbye Diary,
R. E.

The Junior High Record was:

Decatur	31	Pleasant Mills	14
Decatur	53	Monmouth	16
Decatur	29	Berne	21
Decatur	36	Portland	38
7th Grade	27	Van Wert	15
8th Grade	55	Van Wert	24
Decatur	46	Huntington	30
Decatur	36	New Haven	35
Decatur	53	Hoagland	33
Decatur	30	St. Joe	35
7th Grade	36	Van Wert	29
8th Grade	59	Van Wert	35
Decatur	32	Auburn	46
Decatur	25	New Haven	28
Decatur	30	St. Joe	40
Tourney at Bluffton	20	Kendallville	30
Decatur	45	Bluffton	32
Decatur	46	Portland	23
Decatur	23	Berne	20

First Row: Gene Krick, Bill Bracey, John Hebble, Mgr., Tony Vergara.
Second Row: Steve Dellinger, Leroy Ratliff, Terry Holtsberry, David Eichenauer, Fred Locke, Wayne Myers.
Third Row: Larry Moses, Bob Shraluka, Raymond Ballard, Tom Strickler, Bob Banks, Ted Hutker, Jim Baumgartner.



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